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JANUARY--DECEMBER 1696.

No. 1.

To CAPT : WILLIAM BLU[NDELL . . .]
COMDR : OF THE RUSSELL FRI[GGOTT . . .]

Being advis'd from Fo[rt S]t David [Compa . .] Negapatam and want of Lascars to a [. . .] which not being procurable at Fort St : [. . .] Sent a Mussala belonging to the Rt : H : [. . .] one Tandell named Fuskeir Mahm [. . .] Lascars Entertained to Serve in yor : Sh[. . .] comes into this Port at the Reat of 3 pae : a [. . .] Tandell and 2 pages : for the Lascars and [. . .] them one Months pay for yor : Owners [. . .] 43 Pags :

Wee Desire you to take care of the [. . .] bring it Safe to us otherwise wee Shall expect [?the] valu[. . .] be made good to the Rt : Honble : Compa :

Mr : Haynes &ca : Councll : of Fort St : D[avid . . .] us of their Sending to you for the Pacquet by [. . .] you may accordingly Deliver it to their or [. . .] wish you a Speedy and safe arrivall with [. . . .]

Yor : very Loveing Frein[ds . . . .]

NATHLL : HIGGINSO[N]
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATTSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD T[REDCROFT].

No. 2.

To MR : JOHN HAYNES &CA
COUNCILL OF FORT ST : DAVID.

FORT ST : GEORGE 6TH JANY : 1[696]

Inclosed is Invoyce and Receipt for 100 hand Gr[enadoes] and 101 Morter Shells of 7 inches diameter laden on [. . .] John Tyles Master, the Morter Shells are [. . .] your Morter peice they will Serve if [. . .] by filling up the Sides with Okeham we [. . .]

The last advice wee had of Santegee Goorpore is that he [h]ath taken Cossim Caun and that he is proceeding for the Nirore Countrey. wee are

Yor : Loveing Freinds

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATTSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 3.

To M^{R} : John : Haynes &c^{A}
Councill at Fort S^{T} : David.

Fort S^{T} : George 10TH : Janu^{RY} : 1695/6.

We have rec^{d} : yo^{rs}: of 5th : Instant advising yor : haveing Drawn a bill on us for Pag^{es}: 480 Payable to M^{r} : Elliot wth : w^{ch} : came y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : pacquet ℘ Ship Russell Friggot & Letters from y^{e} : Comd^{r} : & from y^{e} : heer Pitt answers to both w^{ch} : comes Inclosed to be forwarded to Negapatam our Last advices from y^{e} : Comp^{a} : are y^{t} : y^{e} : Nabob Cassim Cawn requireing aid from Zulphakar Cawn he hath advanced with his army four day[s] agoe from Arcott one league on the way towards Cassim Cawn & y^{t} : Cashill Singeara is Dead.

Letters from Bengall 20 Days past & from Surratt 40 Days past advise no French Ships were then arrived at Either of those places Goe on with y^{e} : Necessary [repaires] of the Fort as fast as you can wee are

Yo^{r} : Loveing Friends
Na : H.
W^{M} : F.
W^{M} : Hattse[ll].
Jo^{N} : St.
T: W.
E: T.

No. 4.

To Cap^{T} : William Blundell
Command^{R} : of Shipp Russell
Friggott at Negapatam.

Fort S^{T} : George 10 [. . .]

Wee have rec^{d} : yo^{rs}: of the 1st : Instant with y^{e} : R^{t} : H : Companys Pacquett on y^{e} : 5 D^{o} :

Wee have yett heard nothing of the Shipps Armen[ian] Merchant and Fleet Friggott their arrivall in any Port of this Coast.

Wee rec^{d} : from Fort S^{t} : David y^{e} : Coppy of your Letter to them Dated [. . .] wherein you accquainted t[hem] that you could not get Lascars at Negapatam and Desired a Supply of 20 (or) 30 to assist your sick Men in the Shipps business and they acquainting us that they were not procurable at Fort S^{t} : David we Sent 25 from hence in a Mussala belonging to the R^{t} : H : Company first Instant with our Letter advising what Bargain wee had made with them for yo$_{r}$: servic[e].

Wee have acknowledged Govr : Pitts Courtesy o[n] yor : first comeing and Desired the continuance of [?his] favour as accation requires which we Dobt not but [. . .] will find So long as you Stay there, if you Secure [. . .] Menn from offering affronts or rudeness to the Govern[ ] or Customs of the place.

Wee cannot advise yor : going to Trinkamal[ay] because you have a Considerable Cargoe aboard Deliverable here and we think you Cannot proceed from y^{e} : place where you are for Trinkamalay unless the w^{d} : alters and Currants abates so as to favour your advanceing towards this part which we Doubt not but you will fi[nd] in a Short time haveing known for severall years pa[st] found y^{e} · Southwest winds begin to blow before or by the Middle of this Month.

Lre : from Bengall of 20 Days past and from Suratt : 40 Days past advice y^{t} : no French Shipps were y^{n} : arrived at Either of those places wee are

Yo^{r} : very Loveing Freinds
Nath^{LL} : Higginson.
William Fraser.
William Hattsell.
John Styleman.
Thomas Wright.
Edward Tredcroft.

No. 5.

To the Honble : Lawrence Pitt
Councill^{r} : Extraordinary of India & Govr : for
affairs of y^{e} : R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} :
at Negapatam, &c^{a} : Councill : East India Comp^{a} :

Fort S^{t} : George 10 Jan^{ry} : 1695/6

Honble : S^{r} :

On the 8th : Instant I Rec^{d} : yor : Honours Letter Dated 13th : of N : S and repeat my thanks for your continued Kind assistance to our Ship which the Commander hath acknowledged.

By your favour the pacquet from our R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : by the Ship is Safe rec^{d} : which gives some advices of French Ships Designed for India but no Certain Acco^{t} : of the Number or design and by the Computation of time wee have no [*Lacuna in the original*] of Later date [than] that which your Hon^{r} : was pleased to Communicate by the Heer Fiscall so many Months agoe if I have rec^{d} : any Such it must be a paper of Intelligence from Paris to London Dated in February 169¼/5 y^{e} : Coppy wherof comes Inclosed.

This Evening Letters came from Surratt which I have Seen being written in French and Date[d] 43 Days past which take notice that no French Shipps were then arrived at Surratt but that it is there Expected that the 6 : Shipps so long Talked of were before that time in Bengall and the Fren^{h} : of Beng^{ll} : have written Letters of 20 Days past Dat : to their Correspondence in these parts that their Sh[ipps] are not come to Bengall but they Expect Suddenly to here of their arrivall at Surratt.

I have no advice that tends to Explain y^{e} : uncertainty which yor : Hon^{r} : observes [in] the Italian news paper which I mentioned in my last. I hope God will in due time give us to understand the truth and D[e]feat the Design of the Common Enimy.

Yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : very affect[i]onett
Freind : and Hum^{le} : Serv[ant]
Nath^{ll} : Higginson.

No. 6.

To the Ho^{nble} : Lawrence Pitt Councill^{r} :
Extraordinary of India and Govr :
of Nagapa^{m} : &c^{a} : for affaires of the R^{t} :
H : Netherlands East India Company.

Fort S^{t}. George 16 Jan^{ry} : 1695/6.

Honble : S^{r} :

My last was Dated 10th Instant Since which I rec^{d} : yor : Hon^{rs} : two Kind Letters one Dated 17/7th Instant with Coppy of Europe and Surratt news, & Coppy of a Letter from Cochin to Mudme Dated 22^{d} : December adviseing the two Runaways Jews to be apprehended and that they will be Sent to Zeylon in order to their being Sent to Negapatam wherein I thankfully acknowledge your Hon^{rs} : favour when they come I Desire yor : Hon^{r} : will pleas to order them a passage to Tegnapatam if an opertunity offers or to advise to Fort S^{t} : David that they may send for them. the Charges Shall be made good upon advice of the Amount.

The other Letter was Dated 20/10th instant with Coppy of two Letters giveing advice of five French Shipps arrived at Goa concerning which I have yett rec^{d} : no other notice but if it prove true, it is probable those of the nation liveing in S^{t} : Thomas will suddenly receive Letters from Goa and will not fail to advise Your Honour tho I believe you will [have] Certain News sooner.

I can make no returns but a few English Gazetts I have picked up from private Letters which came by the Russell Friggott and Read to the 28th March last I commend your Hon^{r} : to the protection of Gods Good Providence and Remaine

Yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : very affectione^{tt} :
FREIND AND SERVANT
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

No. 7.

To M^{R} : JOHN HAYNES &C^{A} :
COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 20TH JAN^{RY} : 9[6].

Shipp Elizabeth will Sail from hence Tomarrow morning winds ꝑmitting for yor : Port, if this arrive with you before M^{r} : Hatsell, if there be any Countrey Vessells [w^{ch}] fitt for the ꝑpose as wee here ther is, lett them be hired to bring us as many Bales as Shee can take in wee wanting at least 150 to fill up the Mary and in Default of Bales shall be forced to fill her up with Papper lett them be Dispatched to us with the Greates[t] Expedition, with invoyce and bill of Ladeing wee are.

Yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : Lo : Freinds.
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATTSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 8.

TO THE WORP^{LL} : WILL^{M} : HATTSELL
DEP^{TY} : GOV^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL
AT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 21ST : JAN^{Y} : 95/6.

By Ship Elizabeth wee Send you Broadclo[th] Led Indigo &c : as ꝑ Inclosed Invoyce and bill of Ladeing Amounting to Pag^{es} : 6273 : 9 hast the unladeing and return the Ship to us with what Bales and Pepper is Ready with all Expedition and the Massulla which the Lascars left with you :

The Dep^{ty} : Governour takes his passage on this shipp and brings with him 12 Europe Souldiers, and armes as ꝑ Invoyce wee can hardly Spare so many Soul^{rs} : but think it necessary that Some be landed from the Shipp to make a Reporte of a New Supply but upon Notice you must return them or as many tho wee Shall not Send for them unless accation requires.

Wee have advice of 5 French Ships arrived at Goa on y^{e} : 29th : November last, it is not certain but credible requires our Provisions against ther Designs which are Kept private and wee dont know but there is a greater Fleet gone to other parts the R^{t} : H : Company have Sent out Some Souldiers by these Shipps their Number unknown but wee think not many wee must make y^{e} : best Shift wee can with what wee have you have wrote about fortifying Cuddalore town by Trenches and finishing the wall wee have Discoursed M^{r} : Hattsell about it and leave it to your Effecting it being very convenient for y^{e} : Sattisfaction as well as the Security of y^{e} : Inhabitance but the main thing is the Fort to render that tenable against an Europe Enemy therefore first forward the repaires as Soon as you can and Consider of the best method of procureing a store of provisions at cheapest rate. What money you Shall want for this accasion you may Draw upon us Till wee can otherwise Supply you.

It is not Convenient that you Coyne any money with y^{e} : Inscription of Ram Raja while it remains uncer[t]^{n} : who will be the master of the Countrey your Coyning of Madrass Pag^{es} : may have the same Effect as the Coyn^{s} : of the Pullicat Stamp at

Negapatam had on the Dutch Coyn and in Generall y^{e}: Mint is not to be farmed if a future and lasting benefitt is designed for the farmers will only Consider their present Profitt and notwithstanding their offers of haveing their Coyn tryed by Assays yet they will by one trick or another ruin the reputation of mint by adulterateing the Matt and therefore that matter requires your further consideration.

Wee have caused the papers which passed between you and the Wooriar &c: and those from Chinge to be Translated wee fully Concur with M^{r}. Hattsells opinion that it is necessary that you Keep a fair Correspondenc[e] [with] Ram Raja because your Countrey lies within his Territorys and this will be best done by means of Sadeballage and that you cannot avoid gratifying him and officers with some of those things which may [be] required but we cannot limit you to [?a]sume not doubting but you will be as ffrugall as you can in complying with the Imergent occasion which wee cannot foresee but may be Suddainly [...].

As to Tommant the Shroffe wee aprove of M^{r}: Haynes reason for not securing the Worriars kindsman Espeasially considering the impediments w^{ch}: y^{e}: Marrattas army will probably give to Your Merchants business in other parts, it is the more necessary to Keep faire with y^{e}: Worriars that the Merchants may be Supplyed with Cloth from thence and for the Sake of the Overland tread of Pepper tho on the other hand it is very hard and unjust in y^{e}: Worriars to protect a Debtor and a runaway thief whome his Kindsman your watchman was obliged to see forthcomeing and it will be in vain to think of Keeping freindship wth: him upon those terms for by the same reason he protects one he will protect Every man that can gett an oppertunity for runing away with mony of other mens and your Taliar who ought to prevent will promote and assist their runing away.

Lett M^{r}: Hattsell try once more by faire Lett^{rs}: from himself to the Worriar if that ont doe then state the case plainly to him and write him that wee can no longer Keep freindship with him nor Entertain his Kindsman for our Talliar on such termes.

Lett M^{r}: Troughton be allowed Lieu^{ts}: pay as Lieu^{t}: Lashly had or if he rather choose it, his pay as y^{e}: Companys servants and half Lieutenants pay.

Wee have sent you a Small quantity of Europe Cloth 30 Bales wee have a great Deal in the Godown[s] more Expected by these Ships all which must be Disposed of on this Coast but Vizagapatam vend[s] none therefore Fort S^{t}: David must take of its share or elce it will not be in our power to Supply you with a Stock for Carrying on another Investment w^{ch}: must be Considered of for the Ladeing home two of the fouer Ships Sent out for the Coast and Bay and for your Direction wee Send you a Coppy of List of Coast Goods to be provided this ensuing year which wee received by the Russell Friggott wherein are some goods which may be better provided at Cuddalore then here you will also observe the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: require a Considerable quantity of paintings of many sorts whereof none procurable from Pettipole &c: where they are best made but at Second hand and very Dear rates by many years Experience it hath been found that y^{e}: water about us doth not make a good Chey however wee are makeing a Tryall and we recommend it to your Consideration to Employ as many Painters within your Bounds as you Can in the makeing of many sorts of Paintings mentioned in the List and tho they may be at first Dear and not ꝑfectly good yett may be improved.

The R^{t}: Honourable Company haveing forbidden y^{e}: sending home of course Indigo wee return you three hundred and fif[t]y Baggs to be made fine or to be Sold at a markett price Some may be used in Dying Blew Cloth for the R^{t}: H: Company.

The R^{t}: H: Company have acquainted us by the Russell Friggott Generall Letter that they have appointed M^{r}: Hattsell President of Fort S^{t}: George but the Commission being not yett arrived he now returns to his station at Fort S^{t}: David and bring with him a Gen^{ll}: [from] y^{e}: R^{t}: H Company to Fort S^{t}: David.

If Padre Gulielmo be satisfied wth: Padre Paulo Soa his residence in Cuddelore you ꝑmitt him to return but let him know that when Ever he doth in any respect misbehave himself he must for Ever quitt the place.

When the Elizabeth is unladen return her to us with what bales and pepper you have ready wherein it will be Necessary that you use the utmost Dispatch because we want Bales to fill up the Mary but if you have an oppertunity of sending us some Bales by other hired Vessells as Directed by ours of 20 Instant overland you may then Detain y^{e}: Ship so long as you find it Necessary for countenance to the place or till further advice. wee are

Yo^{r} : very affection^{tt} : Fred^{s} :

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WILLIAM HATTSELL.
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N^{o} : 1. Generall Letter Dated 21 Jan^{y}: 95/6.
2. Invoyce of Ship Elizabeth.
3. Bill of Ladeing of D^{o}:
4. Acco^{t}: of Provisions for M^{r}: Hattsell.
5. List of Souldiers.

No. 9.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 21ST : JAN^{Y} : 95/6.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHARLES EYRES AGENT &C :
COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

S^{rs} :

Our last was 21st: Past overland adviseing the arrivall of Ship King William at Gallew that Six French Ships were come out of Europe for India and that the Martha if not gone befor the receipt of that Letter and if you have not received new orders for Directing her homeward bound Course Should call here To receive Sailing orders Since which the Russell Friggott Capt: William Blundell Commander burthen three hundred and fifty tons is arrived at Negapatam from whence we rec^{d}: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Pacquet which contained their Gen^{ll}: to Bengall Dated 6 March 1694 and List of Goods to be provided for y^{e}: year 1696 and Letter from the Secret Committee Sealed and Directed to be opened by the Agent and Second in Councill which wee doubt not but Containes the private Saileing orders of this year returning Ships all which wee Send you Inclosed by this Countrey Ship y^{e}: Greyhound being Esteemed a good Sailor because wee dont know how long it will be ere any of the Europe Ships can reach this Port and be Dispatched to you tho wee are in hopes that Capt: [*Lacuna in the original*] in y^{e} : Fleet Friggott will proceed Directly for and reach Bengall before this haveing parted from the rest of the Fleet about the Cape.

Wee have Delivered to M^{r}: Owen Channell Mas^{r}: of the Greyhound a Letter Directed to Capt: Thom^{s}: Raynes Commander of the Martha with orders to Deliver y^{e}: Same [to] Capt: Rayns if he meets with y^{e}: Martha and to Deliver you Capt: Raynes receipt for y^{e}; Same or if he meets not the Martha to Deliver you the Letter itSelf which the Agent & Second only may open & peruse the forme of the orders given therin.

On y^{e}: 14 Instant wee received yo^{rs}: of 21st: Decem^{r}: and Gladly observe that Chuttanutte has been so helthy this Year has Encourage [d] the Continuence of y^{e}: Factory there agreeable to the R^{t}: H : Company orders in the 1 Paragraph of their letter now Sent you.

It is not convenient to Entermeddle with the ffarming of Adjasent Towns dureing the Troubles at Suratt.

The R^{t}: H : Company have sent us by the Russell Frigott : in Cloth and led £11,851-10-3 in Silver £21,776-2-8 w^{n}: the Silver comes to us wee shall coyn it into Rupees as fast as wee can and Send it all to you or as much as wee can possibly Spare perceiveing there is a further Stock upon other Ships tho wee

have no advice of the amou^{t} or Sorts of goods &c : but wee conclude there is a conside^{ble} quantity of cloth and led comeing which advice us by the first how much of each may Vend you may depend upon it that wee must send you a great part of your stock therein wee shall Willingly supply you with as much as is necessary for finishing the last contract and makeing another and that wee may be the better directed therein give us a calculate of what is wanting to compleat the last and the Amo^{t} of your next Investment and when payable.

Wee take notice what you think your Selves able to lade another Ship (besides the Martha) as big as the Success, but wee fear none of this Fleet will arrive with you time enough to be dispatched home this Season (22^{d} : January [...]).

While writeing y^{e} : foregoing ye Fleet Frigott arriv^{d} : and the [...] brought us another Pacquet for Bengall which shall come to you by this Ship after a few days refreshment of her men her Cargoe consist[s] of 2315^{LL} Led & 286 Bales Broadcloth Perpet^{s} &^{o} : 4 Chests of Clockwork, 4 Boxes Looking Glasses 3 Chests Glasswere all which is Deliverable to two Armenians passeng^{rs}: on the Ship at a certain price to be paid in 6 months after delivery also 8 parcells of wax figure spectacles Tellescoaps Swordblades and Velvetts for presents & 34 Chests there are : 10 : Chests Dollers which will be continued on the Ship the Silver Ingotts wee think to coyn here into Rupees and send to you so soon as wee can there is provisions made in the Contract that the cloth shall lye in the Comp^{a} : Godown for some time if the Armenians desire it and therefore you Must take care to gett Godown room ready.

If the Fleet ffrigatt can unlade at Chuttanuttee and lade again with Saltpeter &c : time enough to reach this port it will be a great service in supplying us with Saltpeter for the King William otherwise wee shall be at a great loss for it haveing none but 300 Baggs in the Godown wee apprehend you will be able to provide a Cargoe both for the ffleet ffrigott and Russell time enough to Dispatch them in September and Wee shall have goods enough on this coast to fill up the King William by that time if you furnish us with Saltpeter this cannot be now resolved but consider it and give us yor : Opinions the Fleet Friggott is but 300 Tonns and the Russell Friggott 400.

The R^{t} Honble : Companys Generall Letter to us adviseth that they have appointed ye new President to be Lieut Generall of India and Mr Hattsell President of Fort St. George but the commission is not yett arrived but [by] the Generall Letter to Bengall Per : 3 you will perceive that Bengall returns to its former subordination to Fort St. George and that by 8th : Par : M^{r} : Eyres is confirmed Agent M^{r} : Beard 2^{d} : M^{r} : Braddyll 3^{d} : and M^{r} : Halsey 4th : of Councill and M^{r} : Halsey must take place accordingly before M^{r} : Cormell also by the 16 and 11 Par M^{r} : Ellis and M^{r} : Braddyll appointed of Councill of Fort St. George and is left to M^{r} : Braddyll Choise whether to Stay in Bengall or to repaire hither but it is our present opinion that it is convenient consider^{g} : y^{e} : Difference w^{ch} : have happened y^{t} : both M^{r} : Ellis & M^{r} : Braddyll come hither to take their places alotted y^{m} : in this Coun^{ll} : so soon as they can. wee are

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No. 10.

TO M^{R} : OWEN CHANELL
MASTER OF SHIP GREYHOUND.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 22 JA^{Y} : 95/6.

Wee herewith Deliver you a Letter to Capt : Thomas Rains Command^{r} : of Ship Martha which being of Great Importance to the Right Honourable Company Service wee Desire you if you meet with y^{e} : Martha in your passage that you Deliver the same.

By that time you arrive in Bengall tis probable the Martha will be fallen Down into the new deeps for the compleating of her ladeing and if shall here she be there you must cause the said letter by some means or other to be Delivered to Capt: Thom^{s} Rains either by sending by some trusty hand or Carrying it your Self and in case the ship be gone before yor : arrivall Deliver y^{e} : Letter to the Agent.

Tis not probable you should meet with any French Ships in y^{e} : way but if do meet them and suspect you shall [be] taken fling the letter overboard with a Shott tied to it for tis not convenient that this letter should fall into their hands wee wish you a good Voyage being

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WILLIAM HATTSELL.
JN^{O} : STYLEMAN.
THOM^{S} : WRIGHT.
EDW^{D} : TREDCROFT.

No. 11.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM HATTSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE &
GOVERN^{R} : OF FORT S^{T} : DAVID &C:
COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 5$_{TH}$ FEBRUARY 95/6.

Yesterday Ship King William Capt : James Thwaits Commander arrived and brought us y^{e} : R^{t} : Honourable Companys Pacquet Containing no other Generall Letters than what rec^{d} : by the Russell ffriggott but therwith came a Commission dated 6th March 1694 copy whereof comes inclosed by w^{ch} : you understand y^{e} : R^{t} : Honourable Company have bin pleased to appoint Sr John Gayer Generall of India Nathaniell Higginson Lieu^{t} : Generall and M^{r} : Hattsell President of Fort St. George and Governor of Fort St. David.

The R^{t} : Honble : Company have ordered a supply of souldiers to be sent to Fort S^{t} : David and wee would willingly make up two Comp^{a} : for you if ther can be gott a sufficient Numb^{r} : to which end send us a List of all the Souldiers now belonging to yor : Garrisson noting the Difference of Nations that wee may be the better [?able] to mix them Eqaually in Fort St. George and Fort St. David ther are but 24 landed here from the King William and five from the ffleet Friggott you May Keep those by the Russell Friggott.

M^{r} : Brabourn &c : do give an advice of 5 French Ships arrived at Goa by there Last Letter Dated 1st : Jan^{y} : and they give credit to ther information, but they add that 18 Dutch Ships are on that side of India to waite their Motion.

The King William hath brought us 3398 Piggs Lead 180 bales Broad Cloth 90 Bales perpetuanas 9 bales cloth Rashes 111 Coyles of Cordages sever^{ll} : Sizes and 82 Chests Silver amount 90061 : 17 : 11 but no ffactors Provisions advise us what sort and quantity of Cordage are necessary for the use of y^{e} : Garrisson and at what rates it will sell and how much.

Hasten your merchants to finish their last Contract in y^{e} : mean time Consert with them the termes of another according to last List and advise us as Soon as you can the terms and quantity they will agree to provide but do not conclude a contract till you here from us your Merchants must take of their proportion of Europe cloth and if they stand upon the price lett know what they are Willing to give for wee are sencible that wee must abate considerably of the last price.

In your Contract Lett your Merchants be obliged to Deliv^{r} : as much cloth as possib^{y} : they can in Agust and September next.

Wee have rece^{d} : yours of 25 and 27 Jan^{y} : with Invoyce Bill Laden on Russell ffriggott and S^{t} : David Yatch but neither of them appear.

Our advise daily confirm the growth of ye: Marratte forces and ye Decrease of Zulphaker Cawns army & there is no certainty tho many reports of forces comeing to his assistance, which renders it more necessary that you make a ffreindship withe ye Marrattas by Pishcashes as you propound tho the less Publick ye: better to prevent giveing offence to Zulphakar Cawn.

You mention one peice of Cloth Rashes wanting advise the Number of the bales by what Ship rece[d]: & whether ye: bales came to you under the English Package or had bin repacked here and Sowed with countrey twine.

Advise the price of Paddy it here sells at about 20 Mercalls ℘ Page: wee have ℘mitted Severall boats of Gram and wood to goe from this road for Your Supply. wee are

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No. 12.

TO THE RIGHT WORP[LL]: CHARLES EYRES
AGENT &c: COUN[CLL]: OF BENGALL AT CHUTTANUTTEE.

Our last was Dated 21st Jan[y]: by Ship Greyhound Coppy whereof comes inclosed Since which wee have rec[d]: yours of 21st December last with another from ye: Agent and Severall papers of Accounts ℘ lists one Dated 8th Janu[y]: ℘ Ship Sarah only adviseing your Intentions of ladeing the Martha away by her Charter party time.

Fleet ffrigot King William and Russell Frigott are arrived and wee have unladen all the Silver Ingotts of the ffleet ffrigott to be Coined into Rupees and two chests of Mexico Dollers for the use of the west coast not knowing how to be otherwise provided of the sort but wee have sent you all the Dollers that came by the three Ships (except five Chests Mexico) and as many Rupees as could be gott ready Dureing the Ships stay being not willing (in regaurd to the Armenians Contract) to Detaine her longer then the Contrary winds and Currant Compelled her to ride at Anchor in ye Road the remainder of the Silver of the ffleet ffrigott Shall be sent you by another oppertunity as soon as Coyned w[ch]: will probably be in ye month of March with such additional Suply of Mony as can be spared from the necessary Stock of the coast and as much Europe Cloth and Led as you shall advise us that you can Dispose of and we must send you a Considerable quantity or elce cannot furnish you well with a Sufficient Stock.

The King William and Russell Frigott have brought us 112 bales Europe Cloth and 6,111 ["]: 2q[r]: 16 ℔ Led amount to 34,686·16·11 wee have already in the Godown more then wee can Expect to Dispose of about the Coast this year by our Slow and Pettey Sales so that our Dependence is wholly on the Silver for paying of our Debts and Carrying on the Coast Investments for which wee must reserve at least 1,00,000 Pag[es]: besides 20,000 or 25,000 Pag[es]: for the west Coast the Silver by these two Coasts [*sic*] amounts to but 89002£: 13[s]: 11[d]: which is less then 2,00,000 Pag[s]: soe that you cannot expect from us more then 1,00,000 Pagod[s]: besides the ffleets whole Europe Cargoe of Silver Chests and led which will make up your Stock for this Year unless other ships shall arrive early, as wee are informed fouer wereDesig[d] but wee cannot Depend upon their early arrivall in warr time.

This will be Sufficient to pay of the Debt of 1,74,000 Rupees and there will remain about 5,00,000 Rupees for Carrying on a further Investment and wee hope will Enable you to contract for a Greater Sum wherein the R[t]: H: Company list & Letter give perticular Directions and wee think you cannot gett too great a quantity of goods or to Soon ready for the Sooner they are ready the better you will bee able

to give the next Shiping a quick Dispatch as well as the two Small Ships now Designed for the Bay ye ffleet Frigot 305 Tons and the Russell Frigott 350 Tons in all but 655 Tons for the Compleating of w^ch^ : ye remains of Your former Contract will after ye Martha is Laden leave you of Bale goods enough to make up half their Ladeing if your Merchants complyed in buying in the goods according to the Account you Sent us of ye Tunage contracted which amounted to 735 Tons of Bale goods and Silk and 977 Tons of Salt Peter tho you will find accasion to make the larger Provisions of bale goods because the list limits SaltPeter to the Charterparty proportion.

Wee sent you herewith the R^t^ : H: Comp^a^ : Pacquet to you by the Fleet Frigott the King William brought us nothing more Except the Inclosed bundell of Patturns and the Coppy of their overland letter Dated 27th : October 1693 wch Directs you in case of a necessity for a Ships Dispatch to fill up with Salt Peter so that wee think you need not Scruple Exceeding ye Charterparty proportion upon Such an Accassion tho it is better to prevent the necessity if it can be done.

The Inclosed Bill of ladeing and invoyce will acquaint you with what wee have Sent you by this Ship amount to Pag^es^ : 29811 : 18 : 5 for which you must give your Account Currant Credit and for the Amount of the Fleet Frigotts Invoyce from Engla^d^ : and Debt D^o^ : account for the 26 Chests of Silver Taken a Shoar here Amount to £22871 : 17^s^ : 2^d^ : as noted by our Accomp^ts^ : in the said Invoyce.

The R^t^ : H : Company have bin pleased by their Commission rec^d^ : by the King William Dated 6 March 1694 to Confirm his Excellency S^r^ : John Gayer Generall of India and to appoint Nath^ll^ : Higginson Lieutenant Gen^ll^ : William Hattsell Esquier Presid^t^ : of Fort S^t^ : George and Governour of Fort S^t^ : David M^r^ : John Styleman M^r^ : William Fraser M^r^ : Francis Ellis M^r^ : Roger Braddyll M^r^ : Charles Barwell M^r^ : John Pitt and M^r^ : Thomas Wright ye Council of Fort S^t^ : George and their Gene^ll^ : Letter to y^e^ : Bay Dat^d^ : 6th : March 1694 doth confirm M^r^ : Eyres Agent & appoint M^r^ : Beard M^r^ : Braddill and M^r^ : Halsey of Councill so that there is no further room left for M^r^ : Ellis his pretences to the Agensy and we ord^r^ : him to repaire hither by the first oppertunity to take his Station in our Councill wher he Shall be Civilly rec^d^ : wee observe it is left to M^r^ : Braddill Choice whether to Stay in Bengall or repair hither Considering the Differences which hath bin between the Agent and him wee think it most advisiable that they part and that M^r^ : Braddyll himself will chuse to cume hither by the first oppertunity and tak his place in our Councill Till the R^t^ : H : Company further orders or till there shall appear further reasons to Incline his choyce of returning to Bengall M^r^ : Halsey must take place next M^r^ : Braddyll or (in case of his removeable [*sic*]) next to M^r^ : Beard and M^r^ : Cormell continue yungest in Councill.

The Command^r^ : of the Fleet Frigott [has] promised to make all possible hast with his Ship to Chuttanuttee wher you will soon unlade her and with all Expedition fill her up with Saltpeter if you have Enough or in failure Grain or Freight goods which are first ready and send her to us and wee Shall return her to you as Soon as wee can unlade her here M^r^ : Afflack acquaints that he has 500 Baggs of Suger lying at Chuttanuttee which if you have room you may ℘mitt to be laden on y^e^ : usuall Freight of $\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ Bale but here are uncertain reports of the 5 French Ships which are arrived at Goa being Designed for Bengall if they come you must Consider whethe[r] you can send the Russell Frigott out of the River we think you must not venture her out Till the French Ships have left Bengall unless you can procure from the Government Such an effect^ll^ : order as you can Depend on for obligeing them not to Follow or have an oppertunity of send[ing] her out in Company with Sufficient number of Dutch Ships. wee are

Yo^r^ : affectionate Freinds

NATH^LL^ HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 13.

To Capt : John Merry Commdr :
of Ship Fleet Frigott.

Upon receipt hereof you are to repaire aboard your Ship and with the first oppertunity of wind and wheather to weigh Anchor and sett saile and make the best of you[r] way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Bengall where when arrived you are to Deliver our Pacquet Directed to the Rt : Worpll : Charles Eyers Esqr ; Agent &ca : Counll for affaires of the Rt : H : English East India Company whose orders you are to follow for your unladeing and further proceeding wee wish you a good Voyage and Date these in Fort St George the 8 day of Febry 1695/6.

Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.

List of the Pacquett to Bengall 8 Febry.

No 1. The Rt Honll : Compas : Pacquet with all papers as ℘ List Except Mr : Hows bonds for 12ll : Pags : 29 : 5 Fanams paid in Discharg.
2. Coppy of Do : Letters Dated 27th : Octobr : 93 Sent over land.
3. Parcells of Musters rec : ℘ Ship King William for ye Bay.
4. Fort St George Genll : Letter to Bengall Dated 7th : Feby 1695/6.
5. Coppy of Do : Dated 21st : Jany : 1695/6.
6. Invoyce for what laden on board Fleet Frigott at Madrass.
7. Do : bill of ladeing.

No. 14.

To the Honble William Hattsell President of
Fort St George &ca : Govr : of Fort St David
&ca : Counll : at Fort St David.

Fort St George 15th : Febry 95/6

This [serves] only to accompany Lieut Henry Sinkler whom we have Sent 20 Europions Souldiers which with those formerly Sent and the Soulrs : of yor : Garrison will be Sufficient to make two Compa[n]ys to be disposd : as accation Shall require under Lieut : Troughton and Lieut Sinkler concerning which we Intend to writ more perticularly tomorrow by land with Invoyce and Bill of ladeing of Treasure Sent by the St David Yatch.

Yor ; Honr : &ca : very affectt : Freinds.
Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.

No. 15.

To Lieutenant Henry Sinkler.

Wee hereby order you to repaire on board St David Yatch John Compion Master bound for Fort St David with 20 European Souldiers where when you arrived you are to follow the orders of ye : Honble : Willm : Hattsell Govr : &ca : Councill to whom wee have wrote to appoint you Lieut : of one of the two Companys to be formed out of that Garrisson Keep yor : Men in good order in the Voyage and see them Safe ashoar at Fort St David there is provision put aboard the Vessell for your Self and 20 Men which take care to Distribute and when you arrive at Fort

St David lett the Tresure laden for the Rt : Honble :Company on this Yatch be carried a Shoar in the boat wherein you goe your Self Dated in Fort St George this 17th : Day of Febry : 1695/6.

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 16.

TO MR : SIMON HOLCOMBE CHIEF &CA :
COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

FORT ST GEORGE 15TH : FEBY : 1695/6

Our last was Dated 21st Decemr : on the 1st and 2d : Instant wee recd : your[s] of the 10ht : 12th : and 16 past.

The 25 Leather Bucketts and 300 Basketts of Charcool are come Saue to us by a Countrey boats amount to Pags : [. . .] and 183 Bailes ℘ Ship Simon amt : Pags : 10960 : 28 : 4 for which wee Shall give you Credit and pay ye Freight as you Direct.

Wee think you had best forbear paying any more Money for the Account of the Deced Govr : of Hugly for it is Doubtfull whether it will be recd :

You advise us that this is the time for undertaking an Investment and Give us hopes that you can make it Considerable and the Seerlascars haveing taken the Capitall City belonging to Somberda there is a better appearance then Ever was before of the Settleme[n]t of the Countrey under our Government we will therefore Supply you with as much money as you can Invest by the Month of agst : next which we desire may be at least 30000 Pags : if possible the more the better being very Solicitous we may have it in our power to lade home a Ship or two in Septemr : next if accasion requires, wee had Sent you Some things by this Ship but were informed that She had Damaged 25 of the Bags Shee brought and was not in a good Condition to adventure the Rt : Honble Compas : Estate upon in about 15 days we hope to send the Russell Frigott from hence for Bengall and in her Passage Shee will be orderd to Touch at Vizagapatam and Deliver you the Powder Cotton Europe Cloth &ca which you have wrote for with as large a Sume : of Pags : and Rupees as we can gett ready for you in the mean time we send you the Coppy of the list, Sent by the Rt : Honble : Compa : of coast Goods to be provided this year that you may be considering the Same and preparing a contract with Your Merchants.

Wherin you will observe a very Great quantity of longcloth and Salempores is ordered so that you cannot Exceed therin and lesser quantity of Saile cloth of severll : Sorts then you use to provide and a Considerable quantity of Beteelas Stripped of Severll : Sorts. Therefore if you can possible prevaile with your Merchants lett them abate in the Sackcloth and make up the proportion in Stripd : Beteelas according to the Pattarns herewith Sent & in other Sort required by the List Especially painting if you can procure any advise us so Soon as you can what Dependance may be said on your Merchants for the sorts time & quantity of your Investments. The King Willm : Russell Friggott & Fleet Friggott all (God be thanked) Saue arrived and the Lre Depard : for Bengll : on the 10th Instant.

These ships have brought out a Commission confirming Sr : John Gayer Generall of India, Nathaniell Higginson Lieut : Generall, Mr : Hattsell Prest : of Fort St : George Mr : John Styleman, Mr : William Fraser, Mr : Francis Ellis, Mr : Roger Braddyll, Mr : Charles Barwell, Mr : John Pitt and Mr : Thomas Wright the Councill of Fort St : George wherewith Mr : Mathew Empson is allso added by the Generall Letter.

The R^{t}: Honble: Company advis'd us of French Ships Desi^{d}: for India and wee have lately had a report of 5 arrive^{d}: at Goa but it wants Confirmation. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing Freinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATH^{W}: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET.

N° 1. Generall Letter Dated 17th: Feb^{y}: 95/6
2. list of Coast goods to be provided for year 96
3. Part of 11 Patterns of Stript Beteelas rec^{d}: ℘ Ship King William

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No. 17.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATTSELL
PRESID^{T}: OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE & GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}:
DAVID & C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID

FORT S^{T} GEORGE FEB^{Y} 19TH: 95/6

On the 17 Instant we sent Lieu^{t}: Sinkler with 20 Souldiers by the St David Yatch & Treasure & Stores amount as ℘ Inclosed bill of ladeing and Invoyce to Pag^{s}: 4362 : 14 : 4 wee sent you but 500 Rupees Madrass for Tryall advise us how they Pass and whether wee may hereafter pay your Merchants Rup^{s}: on a Contra^{t}: and at what rate wee have sent you but 4 Coyles cordage because your list (formerly sent) of stores wanting for yor: Garrisson use mentions no more, if you want any for Saile advise us the Sorts and quantity haveing rec^{t}: much by the King William of all Sizes from $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch to 15 Inches.

Herewith is Invoyce of the 5 bales of Aurores w^{ch}: you took out of the Russell Friggott am^{t}: Pag^{s}: 761 : 9 we can Spare you a fewe more and as much broadcloth Ord^{ry}: and Perpetuanus and Crimson and Lead as yor: Merchants or markett will Take of and Indeed wee have so much Europe cloth now in the Godown that unless you can Dispose of at least 100 or 150 Bales we dispaire of Selling it in Sev^{ll}: years if accasion requires wee are Content to abate the price Considerably on the 5th: Instant We wrote you Concerning the Concludeing of your Merchants old Contract and begining another. We know not what accation there may be for Dispatching a Ship from hence in Agust or September next Especially if there should another early Ship or two arrive here in May or June next.

Wee have rec^{d}: the bales you sent us by the Russell Frigott and St David Yatch (tho they came to late for the Mary which was sent before they came and saild on the 12th: Instant) the warehouse keeper haveing accasion to open a few bales which seem'd to be wett, finds a p^{s}: of white long Cloth in one bale that is much torne and throughout the whole p^{s}: spotted with Yellow & Dirty spotts. The faults of the beaters and washers and one peice Brown the outers foles [folds] clean and good, but all the inner foles very black both which peices seem to have bin Packedup in the same condition as they now are becaus there is no Ship Damages, and the Cloth is not moist bothe the said bales are sorted by M^{r}: Games and Embald by M^{r}: Ingram. We are Inclined to think that neither of them saw those two peices, but rather that they were changed by Your Servants in the Packing.

When the warehous keeper is at leisure he must [have] Examined all the bales and then wee shall give you a further report of their Condition in the mean time lett those that are concerned in the Sorting and packing be more carefull.

Our Spye Bramines at the Camp advise y^{t} about 6 Days agoe the Nabob sent Woota Ma'hund Primalaudo Pantulo twise to Treat about a devision of the Countrey between him and the Ramraja wherin The Morratta would not

yeld that the Nabob should hold any fort to the Southward of Conjeveran Sarugall and that very night the Marrattas fell upon the Nobobs Camp and the Nabob Instead of fighting, then March^{d}: with hast and Disorder towards Arcott Travailing Peons and Merchants Letters from the Mogulls Camp about 22 Days Since advise there is no army Sent out by the Mogull for these parts Since Bawhrodur Cawns Son who is killed in the fight by Santogee Gurpuras Army tho there are Discours in the Kings Camp of an Army Designed to be sent under the Comand of Cawn Bux so that the Moors seem's to be weake in these parts to oppose the Marattas Conquest of the Countrey which makes it the more adviseable for you to take the fittest oppertunity of keeping Ram rajas frindship.

Govr: Pitt last letter Intimates a Credibility of French Ships being at Goa, but other report[s] make them to be Pirates near Goa and it seems strange that we have not in so long a time a Certaine account. The R^{t}: Honble: Company have Sent us out no paper &c^{a}: and wee have but a Small store so Soon as we can gett it wee Shall Send you a Supply.

Wee have paid your Bills Drawn on us for 400 Pag^{s}: to M^{r}: Chardin and Pag^{s}: 600 To Togarray when you Draw again mak the bill payable at 6 or 7 Days. Inclosed is a receipt given by the Avaldore of Portonovo his Son for 200 Rup^{s}: paid him by the Cheif &c^{a}: of Ballasore of y^{e}: R^{t}: H : Comp^{as}:Cash which you are to receive & advise us

The Wrappers of your bales are so Scanty & do not cover y^{e}: Cloth. our Package here is Charged but at a Pag^{o}: a Bale. The markes of y^{e}: bales received ℔ Ship Elizabeth agree wth: those of the bill of Ladeing but not wth: the Invoyce as you will find if you Cause them to be Compared. Wee are Honble: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yo^{r}: affectionett Freinds

NATH^{LL} :HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
THOM^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO FORT S^{T} DAVID.

N° 1. Generall Letter dated 19th Febru^{y} 1695/6.
2. Invoyce of what sent ℔ S^{t}. David Yatch.
3. Bill of Ladeing for D^{o}:
4. Invoyce of 5 bales of Aurora taken out of ye Russell Frig^{t} :
5. List of Souldiers sent ℔ St. David Yatch wth: their pay.
6. Receit given to the Chief of Balasore by the Avaldore of Portonovos son for 200 Rup^{s}:

No. 18.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 28 FEB^{Y} 95/6.

TO THE HON^{BLE} WILLIAM HATTSELL PRESID^{T} : OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE & GOVERN^{T} : OF FORT S^{T} DAVID &C^{A} : COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T} DAVID.

Yours of the 19 Instant brings us the unwelcome News of your Merchants backwardness to Contract During the unsetled state of the Countrey but we hope they will if they be urged to comply we Depend upon you for at least 500 Bales (besides the last Contract) in August or Septem^{r} next.

Inclosed is the Coppy of the Europe Invoyce of ye 2 bales of Clothrashes N^{o}: 58 : 59 said to co[n]tain 11 peices Each wee shall pay your Bill of Pag^{s} : 994 To Narrain dated 19th Instant and have received the Freight of 18 Slaves ℔ Ship Elizabeth a Pag : ℔ head.

Wee are much concerned for the unhappy accident about the Dutch Souldier wherin after many times consideration of your Letter and protest, we think you have Driven the Contraversy farther then the Nature of ye thing will bear wee are not against asserting of the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Rights and their Jurisdiction over all that inhabits wth in their bounds whethe[r] Indians or Europeans but ye Dutch are to be considered, not only as they are Inhabitants wthin the bounds of the English Governm^{t} : pay Custome in wch respect you term them Subjects but as a Comp^{a} : In Amity wth : ye English Comp^{a} : and the Companies Indipendent and Standing upon Equell Termes Case of the Dutch Souldiers Seems to fall und^{r} : the Latter notions and y^{t} the Dutch are not therein to be considered as Subjects [?but] as a Company in amity.

And the contraversy will turne upon these 2 questions whether the Souldiers runing from the service off one may be intertained in ye Service of the other Company and whether a Souldier so entertained ought not to be delivered when Demanded without Doubt by the Strickness of the Rules of amity one Company ought not to Entertain the runaways of the other and when they are Demanded and appear to be runnaway they ought to be delivered for if it be not so upon what ground have we at any time Demanded our runaways of the Dutch or upon what grounds did you Demand ye Dutch Soul^{r} : of M^{r} : Calendrini &c^{a} : after he run from your Service the maine ground of the protest is that he was in ye Compa[n]ys pay and if that be a sufficient reason for Your Demand they had the like reason to Demand him at first, if run from their Service into ours, and you were as much obliged by ye strickness of rule of amity to Deliver him on their Demand as you can Suppose them to be obliged to Deliver him now. There is one Cercumstance on our Side Viz^{t} : they liveing under our Government it is in them a greater presumsion to intice or receive our runaways but that dos not alt^{r} the right of the case and must pass instance of aggrevation but they have that in Entertaining him into Your Service you received another Cercumstance on there side Viz^{t} that a runaway from their Service, and when he ran from you they onely rec^{d}: one that was there one before and if that had bin in your case you would have Justified the Detaining him with that reason.

The foregoeing relats only to ye strict rules of amity it is notorious that the Dutch practice hath bin in Sev^{ll} ℘ts of India and very frequently Directly contrary both in Entertaining runaways and Enticeing men from our Service and yet they Seldom Deny to Deliver but avoid it Either by sending away or hideing ye men to prevent Discovery and proofe in imitation of there Example and to do our selves right when they have wranged us we have some times followed the same method but w^{n} : Disputs happen between the two Companys upon complaint of this Nature they Do insist upon the proofe of matter of Fact and neither of them justify ye Act of their Servants nor is it justifyable by the rules of amity unless it be in sume plain Notorious instance of men Enter^{d} and Detain^{d} : by The Dutch for which reasons ye English by way of [? retaliation] doe ye like which is yor : first answer to M^{r} : Calendrinis message of Demand you assign us ye reason of yor : proceedings Viz^{t} ; that at Pullicherry they had Done ye like but when these alligations come upon ye Stage in Europe between the Compa[n]ys ye Dutch will not need proof because you owne and Justify ye Entertaining & Detain^{g} of their Men but it will be upon ye English to prove that they have Done ye same at Pullicherry which tho is Easely beleved yet is Dificullty proved and if it can be proved that they have at Pullicherry rec^{d} : into their Service Such as run from ours yet if you never Demanded then they will be able to aquit them Selves Detain^{g} : after Demand which is the Main point but Supposing ye Dutch had Entertained your men at Pullicherry and Detained after Demand tho y^{u} Justify your Doing y^{o} : like it we apprehend that you cannot for ye reason Surround their Factory armed men Stop provisions and ingress and regress of the people because in ye Articles agreed by Comp^{a} : In behalf of both Company in 1675 it is provided that in case of wrong Injury or Violence Done by Either of ye Comp^{as} : or any belongeing to ye other Comp^{a} : it Shall not be lawfull for Either of ye Comp^{a} : to proceed to acts of Violence Force or Hostilyty against ye other Comp^{a} : and therefore if you have not withdrawn yor : men

from y^e : Factory before this arrives wee think it nec[e]ssary to order possitiuely y^t you forthwith withdraw them and take of ye Stop on provision &c^a : And what Ever the case be its at this Instant ye more necessary to maintain a frindly Correspondence with ye Dutch because wee have certain advise y^t 6 French Ships have arrived at Goa and from thence Departed for and are arrived at Surratt and wee have no reason to think but they will come into these parts a Difference between you and the Dutch now may prove of ill Consequence but that you may wth Draw yor men with better Credit we think this y^e : best method that you acquaint M^r : Calendrini &c^a : that you haveing acquainted us with what hath past wee have $order^d$ to refer The Matter to us wee haveing wrot to $Negapat^m$ abu^t it Coppy of the Letter to Govr : Pitt comes Inclosed for your perusuall with a Copy of y^e Mentioned articles wee hav [ing] been y^e larger upon this Subject because it is requisite y^t we & you agree in one Sentiment and therefore we Desire you to give us your opinion freely if you Differ from us or have in the Severall Disputs you have had with the Dutch observed any thing fit to be noted on this accasion.

The Second Parrigraph of this letter is written by mistake about the two bales of Cloth rashes first seems they were but Invoyced to you to Containe 11 peices that 10 p^s : which were packed up here and we have given you credit for the over charge of our p^s : in that bale but you will find y^e $Numb^r$: in y^e other bale when y^o open it to be 11 peices which must be Either bale N° 58 or 59.—29th : $Febru^y$.

Since the writing of the foregoing we rec^d : yo^{rs} : of 25 and 26 Instant this afternoon q^t : a Letter from Govr : Pitt and from Pullicherry to yorselves when $translat^d$ wee shall send you a Coppy thereof. at present wee see no reason against your withdrawing your Guard from y^e Factory Especially since it Dos appear that the Souldier Demanded is not in the Factory and we Desire you to Endeavor accommodation with your Dutch neighbour in order to a freindly reconsilation that the present Difference may not Increase and Interrupt our $agreem^t$ against our Common Enemy. Weer

Honble : S^r : &c^a : Yo^r : Very $Affec^{tt}$: Freinds.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.

No. 19.

To M^R : SIMON HOLECU [M] BE
CHIEF &C^A : COU^{LL} AT VIZAGAPATAM.

This Serves only to Inclose copy of our letter Dat^d y^e 17 Instant and Copy of y^e list of coast goods to be provided for y^e year 96 also Invoyce of 2 bales of Cotton Sent you by boat Fleetwood amounting to Pag^s : 14 : 25 : 1 : and the Tandells rec^t : for the Same. We are

Yo^r : loveing Frinds

$NATH^{LL}$: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

Wee cannot fix the Day of the Russell Frigotts Departure for Vizagapatam and Bengall but Shee will not Stay many weeks here.

LIST OF THE PACQUET.

N°. 1 Generall Letter Dated 29th: Februy 95/6
2 Coppy Generall Letter 17 D°:
3 Copy of the list of goods to be provided for ye Year 96.
4 Invoyce of two bales of Cotton by boate Fleetwood
5 Tandell recd: for the Same.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN.

FORT St. GEORGE 10 MARCH 95/6.

May Honr: happiness and Success always attend wise ventures and noble Zulphaker Cawn Excy: Desires me to lend 100,000 Pagods: by Emain Cooly I am run so much in Debt for the charges of the place and our Ships have brought me so little for ye pays them of. There being ware in Europe wth: the French they haveing taken Sevll: of our Merchts: Ships goeing and coming revenge of ye English Victories over their Fleet of warr what remains yn: but to Serve ye Inhabitants & if I do so I shall loose my bread. wt great Streights am I reduced to wherin nothing Troubles me so much as to think yt yor Excy may Accot: me ungreatfull but I trust in yor Goodness and pray yor Excy: to continue yor: word favour and freindship & to Except of a few raritys.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.

No. 20.

TO THE HONBLE: LAWRENCE PITT COUNCILLR: EXTRAORDRY: OF INDIA GOVERNR: OF NEGAPATAM &CA COAST OF CHORMDLL: FOR THE RT HONBLE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY.

FORT ST: GEORGE 29 FEBRY 1695/6.

May it please Yor: Honr:

The last Letter I recd: from Yor: Honr: was Dated Pmo: Februy adviseing the arrivall of 6 French Ships at Goa I this Day am Inforemed by a Armenian Merchant that last night he recd: letters from an Armenien Residt: in Golcundah adviseing no more then that he had recd Letters from Surratt Dated 49 Days from this Date that 7 French Ships were arrived there but I have receivd no advice whereunto I can give credit concerning the Designe of their further proceedings. However I cannot amit to observe one passage to Yor: Honr: that some times after the first advise recd: here concerning French Ships Designed for India a French Capuchin of this place told me he thought their Design was for Mergen but I give no more heed to that then other reports till the last week the Supra Cargoe of a Madrass Ship arriveing from Canton, adviseeth that the French Missionary Jesuits there told him of Letter they had recd: overland from France in 4 months time to aqaiant ym: of 6 French Ships Designed to Settle at Mergen & yt: upon yt advise Severall Missionaries were ordred from China to Siam. While wee are so much concerned [to] unite in a freindly agreement and mutuall assistance against the Common Enemy I am troubled yt there Should happen any Difference between our Govr: and Councill of Fort St. David and your: chief and Councll of Tegneptm concerning a runaway Souldier I dont ꝑfectly understand the cercumstance of the case but upon the first notice the Governr: and Councill of Fort St David are ordered to quit any further Demands on the Chief and Councill of Tegnapatam and to referr the Matter wholley to us and I Shall at better leasure offer to yor: Honr: consideration the concerting of Some Method for the preventing of such Difference for the future wherein yor: Honr: may rest assud of my sencere intention whereof I have lately given a proofe tho' the Success hath not answered my Expectation upon the notice your Honr: gave when at Pullicate of Some Souldiers run from yor: Service there one of them Hendrick Leffiore comeing afterwards and offering his Service in this Garrison I caused him to be Secured & Kept upon our Guard and advised the Worpll: Adrian Visser

&c^a^ : Coun^ll^ at Pullicate thereof offering to Deliver him to his ord^r^ : upon the promiss of a pardon to Secure his life he answer^d^ that he did not understand the contents of the English letter I sent him Translate thereof in Portugues he answered that he could not promiss pardon without yor : Hon^rs^ : order and not hereing From him Since after the Said Souldier had lain two or three Months under confinment I permitted him to take armes in this Garrison where he now remains ready to be Delivered unto your Hon^r^ : order if you pleas to Signifie the Sicurity of his life which I cannot but Desire of your Hon^r^ : because he threw himself after that manner into my Protec^n^ and to prevent a further needless charge I have given him the Liberty of takeing armes here under an assurance of his Indemnity least the fear of punishment Should cause him to make his Escape and if he Doth run away Yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : will hold me blameless I heartily comend Your Hon^r^ : to Gods protection and remain, Honble S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Yo^r^ : Hon^rs^ : Most assured Freind
NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON.

No. 21.

TO THE HON^BLE^ WILLIAM HATTSELL
PRESID^T^ : OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE & GOVR : OF FORT S^T^ DAVID &C^A^ : COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^ DAVID.

FORT ST. GEORGE 12TH MARCH 1695-6.

Our last was 28 and 29 Instant in answer to yours 22^d^ : with a Letter to Govr. Pitt wee have Severall yours to answ^r^ I [n] yours of 25th : and 26th you complain of 5 ℔ Cent charge on ye 5 Bales of aurora Taken by you from the Russell Friggott which don by the accountant by Virtue of ye Gen^ll^ : Order for charging 5 ℔ Cent on all Goods Sent from hence to Subordinat Factorys which order was made 3 Years Since & [? calculated] to make Good the Charges losses and wast upon severall Good [s] which would otherwise Fall upon this presidensy and prevent the Trouble of Antecalculating upon Every Sorts of Goods but that the proffit of Every Factory may appear, Goods are Invoiced to them at Invoyce price or prime cost whereas formerly goods had be[en] frequently Invoyced at the Madrass price whereby the proffitt [. . .] to the accou[n]t of this presidency. Therefore in the whole you are not hardly Dealt with but if you think it requisite you may recharge to Acco^t^ : Cur^t^ : the 5 ℔ Cent charged on the Side 5 bales Your note of 40 ℔ Cent advance on Silver Fanams coined here, is a great mistake the price is 36 Fanams ℔ Pag^o^ : and we receive & pay at 36 Fan^s^ : ℔ Pag^o^ : and all others ought to doe so to[. . .] price of 37 is the Shroff^s^ : Roguery which requires a remedy that Parrigraph of your letter and this answer hath Spent more paper then the Subjects required.

Wee Sent you a few Madrass rupees for a Tryall but sin^c^ : they doe not pass wee will send no more, wee Shall send you by the David Yatch Such writeing paper as wee can procure (the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^: haveing Sent none this year) wee can Send more Small paper if you want but no more booke paper that sent will be sufficient for the Gene^ll^ : books if not applied to other use there is no wax procurable but shall send you some Cãdles rec^d^ : from Bengall w^ch^ : if they are not good wee have no other.

The Gunnyes sent you last were the best procurable and wee no better for our own use wee have rec^d^ none From Bengall this Year, wee Shall Send you all the Salt BengallPorke wee have by the Yatch and the cordage according to your list wee leave it to the Govr : and Coun^ll^: to appoint by commission either Robt: Read or Such other as you thinke fitter Ensigne of the Second Company.

By the next oppertunity you Shall have as many assistances as can be Spared and one to fitt your councill.

Wee Send you the Translate of the Dutch Letters from Govr: Pitt and from Pullicherry.

Yours of the 27th: of Februy: brought us the copy of yor: Letter to Govr: Pitt &ca: at Negapatam of the Sam[e] Date and Your of 28th: a Letter and Translate from Pullicherry and your answr thereunto of the Same date all which relateing to the runaway Souldier requires no further answer till you have recd: an answer from Govr: Pitt yours of the 29th of Feby adviseth of a bill drawn on us for Pags: 300 Payable to Mr: Wright which is paid.

Yours 2nd Instant recd the 6th, acquainting us that you had withdrawn the guards from the Dutch Factory puts an end to the writeing about that matter till the Dutch give further occation and yours of 5th: adviseing that you not think it Convenient to send Govr: Pitt our Letter till Some exterordinary Cercumstance make it necessary wee Suppose it is your meaning that wee should leave the management of the Contraversy to your Selves wherein we wish you good Success tho wee are of oppinion that you had better have sent Forward that Letter because it contains other Matters and if you send it you may still proceed in the management of the controversy till they referr it to us the Instance which you gave of Souldiers entertained at Pullicherry from Fort St: David and Fort St: George are very materiall and the better proofe can be gained thereof ye better it will serve to Justify or at least excuse your entertaining their runaways also the Letter from Van Neek will [be] of good use to prove their Trapanning him and carying in Irons thro your Bounds but these are acted privately by them and tho beleaved by yu yet not owned by them but the placeing of a gaurd of Souldrs [?at] their Factory the Stoping of goods trade &ca: are acted publicly and need no proof because owned and avowed by your Letters to Pullicherry and Negapatam and this is the Difficult point because we are affraid it will be construed not agreeable to the Generall articles of Peace notwithstanding the particular cercumstance of the Dutch Factory being within the English bounds.

Inclosed are the Translates of Van Neeks Letter tho wee think they ought not to be exposed much less Discovered to the Dutch here but rather reserved to [be] transmitted to Europe.

Wee are sory to find by yours of the 7th: Instant yt your Mert will not make a formall contract till the Countrey is better settled but when they doe you must no[t] contract for more Succotombs then bear a proportion to the other goods mentioned in the list. it is a fine cloth and will Take up a great deal of money in a little room and is proportionably Dear then other Sorts of Calicoes.

Wee Shall pay your Bill of Pags: 2500 to Antio de Vass Concelloes when due and cause the two Pags: which you sent of your new stamp to be Examined and for the better security of the goodness of the coin observe the following method out of Every parcell of Pags: coined lett one be taken indifferently by the mint master in presence of Samde Bollage or Some appointed by him and put into a Box Kept for that purpose with two Keys (to be kept by the mintmaster and Samde Bollage or one appointed by him) once in a Month or two according to the numr of percells and quantity coined whereof an account to be kept by the mintmaster in this manner Vizt:

March	1.	Pags:	500.—.1
	7.		4300.—.1
	20.		1000.—.1
Aprill	05.		3600.—.1
	15.		2700.—.1
	30.		1900.—.1
		Pags:	14000.—.6

Which Since Pags: are to be tryed both by the Shroffs colld for the purpose at Fort St David, and by our Assay Masters here either by takeing two out of the six indifferently or by melting all into one masse and cutting of two Pags: weight whereof one To be delivered to the Shroff and the othe[r] Sent here and if there proves a defalt in weight or in finess $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Cent upon the sd: tryalls Sonde

Bollage is to b[e] fined accordingly for the whole some of Pag^s: 14000. but there is in all mints an allowance, call^d a remedy which cannot be less then $\frac{1}{8}$ ₱ Cent and the minters are to be accordingly considered though it is not co[n]venyent to lett Sounde Ballage know it you contracted the contract with Sounde Bollage before you advice us of it but wee hope that you will take care that the former minters who were found guilty of falce coining fanams be not employed again.

If silver fanams passe so currently with you we dont apprehend any reason why wee Sould not still supply you with as many as is necessary for Exchange rather then to multiply a veriety of coins wee find a great inconvenientcy in the makeing in of the silver fanams so much less then real value w^{ch}: gives the Shroffs an advantage of altering their Buzer price in S[p]ight of the [s]trictest orders and if wee could contrive a way to call in all that are already coined without a great loss and coin new nearer to the real vallue in weighing and finess wee think it would be a considerable advantage to the R^t: H: Company in the pormoting the coinage of silver and the currency of the coin bothe here and wth you but cannot be done without a favourable oppertunity.

March 13th.

Wee shall cause the 85 Pag^s: mentioned in yours of 9th to be charged by the Shroff who Shroffed the money sent by The David Yatch last and the same sume shall be made good to Capt: Morgen wherof the 81 Pag^s: of Dutch stamp passe here without any Difference the 4 Pag^s: of Arrelore and stamp was our Shroffs oversight but in such cases if the Sum was very considerable it would require some credible attestation to make the shroff liable to answer.

Wee take notice of the Dispossall of the 350 Bags of Indigo without loss by the next oppertunity if cannot sell it here wee shall send you the remainder with 4 Bales Aurora the David yatch being full before the receipt of this Letter by which wee have sent you money and Silver Amount as ₱ Inclosed copy of Invoyce to Pag^s: 2861 : 11 : 27 : the originall wherof with bill of Ladeing goes upon the Yatch Dispatched this day.

Yours of the 10th brought us Govr. Pitts Letter to you in Dutch which is long when Translated wee will send you a Copy till when will not adde anything upon the Subjects.

By the first give us as near a Calculate as you can of the Number of [B]ales we may Expect to receive from you between this time and September next Viz^t: The remains of the 45,000 Pag^s: contract or what you can procure more Either by formall Contract or otherwise of the sorts of Cloth Contained in the R^t: H: Comp^{as}. List Either according to our usuall musters or other Musters fitt for Europe Markett for the Countrey is in all parts so strangly unsetled and subjects to roberies Plunders and other Hazards both Moors and marrattes that it is vaine For us to think of haveing Investments carry on by so regular and Strickt Contracts as in peaceable and plantifull time but it is [our] Duty to gett as much Cloth as wee can into our possession while we may, least the Country hereafter become more uneable then now which their is more reason to fear then to hope for better. We would willingly have it in our power to Dispatch a Ship in Septem^r if possible therefore Desire you to help us with as many bales as you can and to advise us frequently the num^r: of bales in rediness and in prospect.

Wee shall be able to pay any bills you Drow upon us after 20 Days to the Amount of 10 or 15000 Pag^s: in ye mean time shall answer lesser Bills Considering the Hazard of land Carage and uncertainty of Passage by sea at this time of the Year it is Certainly the best way to send you money bills.

Emain Cooley came about 10 Days agoe with about 50 Horse and brought a letter from the Nabob Demainding the Loan of 100,000 Pag^s: upon a pown of Jewells and assigned of any Countrey for payment wee do not yett fully understand the bottom of this Design whether it be the Begining of a quarrell or no as yett there appears necessity of money to pay his Souldiers who are Impatient of staying till treasure comes here are frequent reports amongst the Moores & Camp Merchants

& advice in their Letters of a Considerable Army comeing From the King under Comand of Arrunturras Son and in the Camp itselfe it is reported that the Nabob will be removed but these reports are Very uncertain and wee have no means of Knowing the reall truth which time must shew till when our true Interest is to keep as faire a friendship as we can with all partys with as little Expence as the Cercumstance of the case makes necessary and no more we are

Yor: very affectiott: Freinds

Nathll: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

P.S. 14. Do:

Wee have recd: yours of 11th adviseing the sending forward the Letter to Govr. Pitt.

N: H.
J: S.
W: F.
T: W
M: E.

No. 22.

To the Honble William Hattsell Presidt: of Fort St George & Goverr: of Fort St. David & Ca: Councill at Fort St. David.

Fort St. George 13th March 95/6.

This serves only to advise that by this Vessell we have sent You Pags: 2500 in Treasure and cordage Generall stores and Factors Provisions Pags: 361 : 11 ; 2: in all Pags: 2861 : 11 : 2 for wch: Invoyce and bill of Ladeing comes inclosed. we are

Yor: very affectionatt Freinds

N: H
J: S
W: F
T: W
M: E

To Mr: Simon Holecumb
Cheif &Ca: Councill at Vizagapm:

Fort St. George 14th March 95/6.

Our last was 29th Februy with two bales of Cotton by Boat Fleetwood which brought you a Copy of the List recd the Rt: H: Company of Goods to be provided in : 96.

This coms by Ship Russell Frigott by which we have sent you Pags: 13101 : 2 : 2 in Treasure Cloth &ca : as ℘ Inclosed Invoyce and bill of Ladeing if you have accasion for more Europe Cloth or Money we Shall Supply You upon Your advise, In the meane time this will enable you to begin a Contract wherein as before advised, it will be requisite that you provide for as much Cloth as possible Deliverable in or before August and by Every oppertunity advise in the progress you make in your Invest: with Number of Bales you have in rediness or in prosspect.

Lett not the Russell Frigott stay longer in yor: road then is necessary for the recg: a Shoar what Consigned to you.

Wee have nothing from Suratt sevll: months our last advices left them under a Confint:

Wee are Credibly advised that 6 French Ships arrived in Goa and from thence provided for and arrived at Surratt but whether they are bound from thence or what their Design is we cannot tell the French say they are bound for Bengall. There are 12 Dutch Ships on that Coast to attend their Motion. Zachary High Lord is to receive his whole wages at Vizagap^{m} : from the 1st Instant: Send Copys Journall Ledger, of the Acco^{ts} : of M^{r} : Dubois Chapman and Focquet as they stand in yor : Sev.^{ll} Books that they may be stated. Send us Double Copys of your Books and Consultation to be sent for England and remain here.

By this Ship comes M^{r} : Edward Thompson Factore and M^{r} : Bezaliel Morrice Writer to be employed as you find them Capable M^{r} : Thompson hath Contracted an indisposition and hath too much [addicted] himself to Drinke he hath promised amendm^{t} but if he do not reforme, let him returne to us, and we will Dissmis him from the R^{t} : Honble : Company service.

They are paid what Salary due to the 25th Instant wee have Sent by this Ship M^{r} : John Cotter, who is entertained to serve the R^{t} : H : Company as Chyrurgeon of your Factory at the salary of 36 ₱ Añ as usuall and a Chest of Medicines.

Wee have paid the Comp^{a} : of Ship Russell Frigott, six Pag^{s} : for the Dyat of M^{r} : Thompson and M^{r} : Morrice.

Advice us what quantity of Stick lack may be procured on the Coast of Ginjerlee and in what part and Contract with your Merchants for the provisions of 20 or 30 Candy if procurable under Pag^{s} : ₱ Candy clean and Good, and if they will not Contract Provide a Candy or two, at such rate as you can gett it, if you understand that there affords a quantity it will be packed best either in Chest or Leather Duppers which is Cheapest. We are

Yo^{r} : Loveing Freinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

P : S:

There is some Cotton lying in [? Masulic]patam Factory which wee shall order M^{r} : Noden to send to you, when he sends it, receive it and pay the C[h]arges and advice us.

N : H:

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO VIZAGAP^{m} ₱ RUSS^{LL} : FRIG^{T} :

N°. 1. Generall Letter Dated 14th March 95/6.
2. Invoyce of Ship Russell Frig^{t} :
3. Bill of Ladeing of D° :
4. Docter Cotter List of Medicins.
5. Key of the Chest of medicins.

No. 24.

COUN^{LL} : FOR THE R^{T} : H : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY AT PULLICAT.

FORT ST. GEORGE 16TH MARCH 1695/6.

TO THE WORP^{LL} : ADRIAN VISSER CHEIF &CA.

Much Respected S^{r} .

Your Letter Dated 23/13 Instant Came to our hands on Saterday Evening the 14 Instant relateing to the Demand of 500 Rix Dollers in leave of 250 Pag^{s} ; and the Delivery of Henry Lafflore a Souldier Concerning both which we lately wrote to

the Honble : Govr : Pitt and daily expect his answer after which we Doubt, not but we shall give yor : Worp : &c^{a} : a satisfactory answer & in the meane time we remain Worp^{ll} S^{r} : &c^{a} : Yo^{r} : Ready Frinds & Servt.

N : H.
J : S.
W : F.
T : W.
M : E.

No. 25.

To Capt : William Blundell.
Command^{r} : of ship Russell Frig^{t} :

Upon receipt hereof you are ordered to repaire aboard Ship and with the first oppertunity of wind and wheather to weigh your Anchor and Set Sail and make the best of your way for ye most speedy attaining of the Port of Vizagapatam where you are to send or carry aShoar our Letter Directed to M^{r} : Simon Holcumb Cheif &c^{a} Councill unto whom you are to Deliver the Treasure and good [s] consigned to them with all Expedition and then proceed without Expecting further orders for Bengall where you arrive you are to Deliver our Letter Directed to the R^{t} : Worp^{ll} : Charles Eyres Agent &c^{a} Councill whose order you are to follow for your unladeing and further proceeding M^{r} : John Cotter Chyrurgeon M^{r} : Edward Thompson Factor and M^{r} : Bezaliel Morrice writer take their passage on your ship for Vizagapatam unto whom we assign the use of the great Cabin Dureing their passage, we wish you a good voyage & Date these in Fort St. George this 18th Day of March 95/6.

Nath^{ll} : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 26.

To the R^{t} Worp^{ll} : Charles Eyres.
Agent &c^{a} : Councill in Beng^{ll}.

Fort St. George 14 Mar^{ch} 95/6.

Our last was Date[d] 7th Past ℘ Ship ffleet Frigott Coppy wherof Comes Inclosed, Since which we have received none from you nor have any Certaine advice of the Marthas Departure. Inclosed is Invoyce and Bill of Ladeing for Treasure and Goods sent you by this Ship Russell Frigott amount Pag^{s} : 63114 : lfa : 1Ca. wherein you will find 5 ℘ Cent charged on the Europe Invoyce price of Cloth and is to make good our Charges loss and wast upon such goods. In this Cargo were 43 pec^{s} : Damaged and much by the King William but wee have sent you none Damaged.

Wee have sent you as many Rupees as wee could get Coined and were unwilling to Detain the Ship Longer for ye Coining of more Dureing the Southerly munsoon wee can upon yor : advice send you more if accation requires.

If after the arrivall of this Ship you find you can send her to us with the Lading of Saltpeter and grain it will be better then to lett her ly idle so many months in Beng^{ll} and Shee can return to you time Enough but we are dobtfull wheather the Season of the Year will ℘mitt & wch way the French Ships Design.

Wee therefore leave it to you to act as you find adviceable the last advice wee have rec^{d} : Concerning Surratt was that they Continued under Confinement and that was above two Months since Issa Cooley the Armenien resident in the Mogull Camp adviced that the Mogull did Issue orders to Nabob Zulphaker Cawn against Madrass

but that they were recolled and wee have not ℘ceived any effect of s[d] : orders about 10 Days Since two of the Nabob Servants came hither withe his Letter Demanding the Loan of 100,000 Pag[s] : upon pawn of Jewells wheth[r]: he Designs to begin a quarell by this method Dos not appear there is a Currant report that he is turned out, and Dedder Bux is Comeing in his room, with a new army to oppose the progress of the Morattas, who will otherwise overcome all this Countrey being 30,000 strong.

Inclosed is the Coppy of a Jud[g]ment of y[e] Mayors Court for Pag[s] : 140 payable out of Cap[t]: Thomas Absolems Estate to Cap[t]: Antony Penniston which you may pay unto D[o] : Pennistons order at the rate of 3½ Rup[s] : ℘ Pag[a] :

Wee have not [? heard] of the Mary Bouyer nor from the Westcoast since they went from hence Ship Mary and Sarah Sailed from hence on the 12th and 13th : Febru[y] :

M[r] : Chardin aquaints that himself and M[r] : Rickson Attorneyes of Samuell Rickson Dec[d] : sent a Letter of aTorney to M[r] : Beard for Demanding of M[r]: Stanely the rent of a house in Ballesore and by selling the same by outcry which belonged to Cap[t] : John Tylore Dec[d] : who was indebted to the said Rickson and Severall other Cred[rs] : in Fort S[t] : George for satisfaction whereof orders were Issued out of the Mayors [Court] for bringing in y[e] money into Court to be Devided among the Cred[rs] :

M[r] Beard sent an Acco[t] : of what he had rec[d] : from M[r] : Stanly viz[t] : 400 Rup[s] : the valeue of the house and about 60 rup[s] : rent without mentioning the time of the rent or the manner of selling the House.

But M[r] : Chardin is otherwise Inforemed y[t] : M[r] : Stanly hath Taken the house to his own Acc[t] : without any authority for so Doing at the rate of 400 Rup[s] : which is thought to be worth at least 1200 Rup[s] : and that Stanly hath actually rec[d] : rent for the said house of R[t]: H : Company at the rate of 250 Rup[s] : a year ever since he went to Beng[ll] : Enquire Into the truth thereof and Demand M[r] : Stanelys answer and remit the same.

Wee are Credibly advised that 6 French ships arrived in Goa in December and from thence proceeded for and arrived at Surratt but whether they are bound and what their Design is wee cannot tell thē French say that they are bound for Bengall there are 12 Dutch ships on that Coast to attend their Motion.

Omit not to supply us with Packing stuff as oppertunity offers and lett it be always good. The sealing wax wee rec[d] : last was not good. Wee desire you to send us of the best. We are

Yo[r] : Affe[tt] : Freinds

NATH[LL] : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO BENG[LL] : ℘ RUSSELL FRIG[T].

No. 1. Generall Letter Dated 14 March 95/6.
2. Copy of a Generall Dated 7th Febr[y] 95/6.
3. Invoyce of Ship Russell Frigott.
4. Bill of Ladeing of D[o] :
5. Bill of Ladeing of Ship Fleet Frig[t].
6. Copy of an order of Mayor Court.
7. Werehousekeep[rs] : List of goods laden on Frig[t].
8. Ship Russell Frigotts Charterparty.

No. 27.

To Mr : Philip Noden at Metchlepatam.

Wee Recd : yours of 31st December 95 Continue your advice of all occurrences as oppertunitys happens wth : out Charge, wee would have you send all the Cotton which lys in Madapallon or Metchlepatam Factory to Vizagapatam the Charges whereof we have orderd the Chief to pay. You may also send thither as you can gett oppertunity any other remains of either Factory.

Wee here Capt. Hampton is com from Bengall to Madapallam with Severall English and wounder if it be true that you have not given us a perticular Accot : of the men and their business and Design we are

Yor : affectionett Freinds
Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thoms : Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 28.

To the Honble William Hattsell Presidt :
of Fort St : George and Govr : of Fort St : David
&ca : Counll : of Fort St : David.

Fort St George 28 Marh : 96

Wee have recd : yours of 20th and shall by the first Convenient oppertunity send you the 100 Bgs. of Indigo remaining fine and ordinary unless wee can sell it here at as good or better price.

Wee Sent you no Silver fanams, because wee suppose you Did [?not] approve of Them by your farmer Letter, Wee cannot allter the Matt or weight of Silver fanams till all the old Stamp are called in.

Vincatee hath Delivered us the 200 Rups : which you recd : from the Avaldore of Portonovo and do not Charge it to yo : Accot : but to Bengall, where ye : Said Sum was lent to ye : Avaldors Son you advise us of 274 Bales you have in your Godowns and the Remains of the Contract Deliverable in Agust Send us a Colculate (as neare as you can Gusse) how many Bales you can Expect by that time from the remains of any Contract made besids ye : sd : 274 & whether yor : Merchts : will undertake any Certain Contract or no, yt : we may know how many Bales may be Depended on, to be recd : from Fort St : David in Augt : or September next.

The reports we recv : of ye : Kings new Army & its Cheif Comdrs : are so various and uncertain that at present wee know not what to Judge of their truth.

Your Method of causing Pags : and fanams to be taken and kept for Tryall. their Matt is approved.

There is no Occasion for further considering ye Contract Sound Bollege about the mint, it being concluded.

Vancate your Cheif Dubash brought us yours of 23d : we Shall pay your Bills payable to Mr : Elliot Pags : 581 & to Tittee Goapall Pags : 160 when due Inclosed is Coppy & Translate of the Letter from Govr : Pitt and Councill Concerning the Difference with the Dutch of Tegnepatam the Governour hath not Yet red : any Answer To his Letter Sent last to Govr : Pitt, tho you have advised its being sent forward. We are

Yor : very affectt : Freinds
Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thoms : Wright.
Matt : Empson.

LIST OF THE PACQUET

Generall Letter Dated 28 March 96.
Coppy of St David Yatch her Invoyce.

Coppy of Lettr : from Govr : Pitt &ca : to Fort St : David Dated $\frac{18}{8}$ Instant.

Translate of D^o^ : Letter

No. 29.

TO THE HONBLE : LAURENCE PITT COUNCILLR : EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA & GOVR : OF NEGAPATAM &CA : COUNLL : FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT : HONBLE : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHORMENLL :

FORT ST. GEORGE, 30TH MARCH 1696.

HONBLE SR &CA :

Yesterday your Peons brought us yor : Letter, dated 31st/21st March with ye : Inclosed Papers, which being writen in a language which wee do not understand will require some time for giveing an Exact Translate and the matter requires good Consideration and therefore wee pray yor : Honr : &ca : Patience for an answer, and for the Acknowledgment of your Honrs : favour in Communicating To us the news Recd : of the two French Ships arrived In Goa wch : are probably seperated from the rest of their Companions by some Extraordinary accident and not by their own Choice wee hope your Honr : will in short tim recv : a more perticular confirmation and will pleas to impart it to

Yor : Honrs : Assud : Freinds and
Humble Servants
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMS : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 30.

TO THE WORPLL : ADRIAN VISSER CHEIF &CA : COUNCILL FOR THE RT : HONBLE : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY AT PULLICATE.

FORT ST GEORGE 2D : APRLL : 96.

Haveing reced : a Letter from ye : Honble : Lawrence Pitt Governr : of Negapm : &ca Counll : dated 31st March last wherin they Desire yt : Henry Lafflore may be sent to you to Pullicate or Delivered to ye Mastr : of ye : Sloop Eddemonie & give us an assurance of his pardon, we have in complyance wth their Desire & in Confidence of his pardon Deld : him this day to the said Master John Closson, wee should very Gladly here you have recd : him and remain

Yor : Ready ffreds . & servants
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMS : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 31.

To the Worpll : Adrian Visser Chief &ca :
Councill for the Rt Honble : Netherlds :
East India Compa : at Pullicatt.

Fort St : George April 4th : 1696.

On the 14th May 1696 we sent your worps : &ca Pags : 250 being as we thought the vallue of 500 Dollers borrowed by Mr. Hammon Gibbons of the Chief of Paddang wee also sent your worps : an attested copy of Gibbons Bill given to the Cheif of Paddang which we desire your worps : &ca : to returne to us with an acknowledgement of the money recd : your worp : &ca : were pleased by your Letter, dated 25/15th May 95 to signify the recpt : of said 250 pags : but kept the said bill till you should receive orders from your Supr : since which ye Honble: Lawrence Pitt acquainting us that the said 250 pags : was not the full vallue of 500 Dollars, and Desireing the same may be paid in Specie wee did thereupon promisse to send you 500 Dollars so soon as wee could procure them in persuance whereof we herewith send you by the hands of Mr: Enoch Walsh 500 Rix Dollers which wee Desire your Worps : to receive and to Deliver to him the said 250 pags : and the aforementioned Bill given by Gibbons with your receipt indorsed thereon for the said 500 Dollers wherin you will oblidge.

Yor : Ready Freinds & Servants

Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Chars : Barwell.
Thoms : Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 32.

To the Worpll : Charles Eyres Agent
&ca : Councill at Chuttanuttee.

Fort St. George 7th Aprill 96.

Our last was 14th past ℘ Ship Russell Frigt : which brought you Treasure and goods, to the Amounting of Pags : 68114 : 4 : 1 since which wee have recd : advices from Surat of their Continuance Still under Confinement, but have hopes of a Speedy acom̃odation. The French Ships arrived there, and in the begining of Febry : Departed from thence and were mett and fought by ye : Dutch ships, the Successe is not perticulerly advised nor what is become of the French Ships, nor what their next Designe is the messengers sent (as advised in our last) by the Nabob to Demaind a Loan of 100,000 Pags : affter 20 days stay returned without money Since which wee have heard nothing from the Nabob, the Marratt increas strength and conquest. the Expected supply of Force and mony from the Mogull is not yet come nor any certain advice that they are set out from their Camp.

On the 2d : Instant wee recd : yours of 14th Februy with Coppys of your Genells : to the Rt: H: Company ℘ Sarah and Martha by Brigantaine Acheen Merchts : adviceing the Dispatch of the Martha on the 13th Januay with a Cargoo of 723000 Rups : and the loss of 120000 Rups : Merchants Goods by the fireing of yor : Matted Godowns. Tho the losse seeme to be the Merchants yet the Right Honble : Company will suffer a damage by the want of fine goods if as you Feare you shall be Dispointed in ladeing a ship in Agust for want of Fine goods but wee hope you cannot fail of procureing fine good[s] enough by that time because wee ℘ceive by your Jurnall to the Rt : Hon : Compa : dated 20 Jany : you are furnished with Kentilage and cours goods enough for two small Ships and if you cannot get so great a quantity of Fine goods as you Desire yet it will be better to Dispatch them with as much as you can get,

then to keep the R^t : H : Comp^a : have by their last orders ℘ Fleet Frigh^t : limiting the ladeing of saltpeter to the Charty Party proportion.

You are allready provided with 1800 M^d : or 600 Tonns these two ships will requier little more then 100 Tonns there will remain about 500 Tonns to be sent us as oppertunity presen[ts] for a Store b[e]sids which it is necessary that you contract for at least 10 or 12000 M^d : to be sent us allso in the next No[r]therly Munsoon we dobt not but wee shall Have more Ships this Year and more [e]arly then they have arrived in the two or three years past and if the R^t : H : Company should Estend their orders by the next ships for greater quantity of Salt Peter (which is not probable) there will be a dispointment if there be not timely Provisions and if there shall not be accasion in one year for so much wee shall have the better store for the next.

Wee will approve the building of such godowns as are Necessary for saveing Good[s] from fire and Damage, Zulphaker Cawn Beetle servants are arrived and aknowledge your Kindness wee Shall Satisfie the Owners Brigantain Acheen Merchant for their passage &c^a :

This Comeing by M^r. Stanelys Ship bound for Ballasore wee shall send you some firelocks by a Direct Conveyance meantime remain

Yo^r : very Affectionett Freinds

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
CHAR^S : BARWELL.
THOM^S : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

P.S.
The Mary Bouyer arrived from the west coast the 2^d : Instant w^th : M^r : Barwell and gives us a very good acco^t : of the Settlement of the R^t : Hon : Comp^as : affaires there the time of y^e : Bouyers returne to you is not yet resolved.

N : H :

No. 33.

TO MR SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &C^A :
COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE 9TH : APRILL 1696.

Our last was dated 14th : past ℘ Ship Russell Frigat by w^ch : Ship Sent you in Treasure and Goods to the Amo^t : of Pag^s : 13101 : 2 : 2 w^ch : we hope came very Seasonably for the enabling Yo^r : Complyance w^th : the late Contract of w^ch : you Sending the Copy w^th : Yo^rs : of the 3^d : past wee Shall Supply you further as you advise Yo^r : occasion and the State of the Country, therefore you may goe on wth the Contract as fast [as] you can. If the Moor Merchants did furnish the Broad Cloth for the R^t : Honble : Comp^a : Service it is Reasonable they should be allowed in Acco^t : but if Primagee did Expend it otherwise then he ought to doe he is to be indibted for it.

The 300 Rup^s : paid by you on the Agent & Councill of Bengall Bill you must debt Yo^r : Acco^t : for Expressing the ℘ticulars of y^e : occasion.

As for the 200 Rup^s : Rec^d : of Presid^t : Yale it Shall be Charged Right when you Send us ye Copys of M^r : Owens Focquett Dubois & Chapmen Acco^t : as Standing in Yo^r : bookes.

Yo^{rs}: of the 3^{d}: March and of 9th. 10th: D^{o}: brought us Copyes of y^{r}: Diaryes w^{ch}: gives an Acco^{t}: of the unsetled State of the Country.

We have kept halfe the two Musters of Nackcloths fine and ordinary w^{ch}: you sent us and Returne you the other halfe washed the Nackcloths ordinary are of a due len[g]th but ought to be full Coved broad (being) now one Inch narrower) and the Stripes white Instead of Red.

The Price is 12 Neckcloths for 1½ Rup^{s}: w^{ch}: Reckning Rup^{s}: at 3½ ꝑ Pag: whereas the s^{d}: Muster of 35 ꝑ Pag^{e}: and yett Bettellas are at least 35 ꝑ Ct: Cheaper in Yo^{r}: parts then here, so that they Seem to be very Dear, the Nackcloths fine come out about 11 Nack Cloths for a Pag^{e}: Whereas our highest Must^{r}: N^{o}: 39 comes about 17 ꝑ Pag^{e}: and there is little difference in the Goodness of the Musters tho Yours is Reather the better and Evener made, but Yo^{r}: Nackclothes may be made 6 Inches Shorter and 4 Inches Narrower, upon w^{ch}: Acco^{t}: the Merch^{ts}: ought to abate of their demand.

The Nackcloths are doubtles fitt for the Europe Markett and it will be very Convenient to introduce their Manufactore w^{ch}: if att the first Cost dearer may by degrees be Reduced therefor if you can cause them to be made as Cheap or Cheaper then ours Increase the quantity if you cannot however send us a Bale or two of Each Short for a triall as Cheape as you Can.

Send us a maund or two of Sticklac for a must^{r}: with advice of the price and quantity procurable Yearly and in what parts we have Cordage of all Sizes Invoiced to us at 45 Shillings ꝑ C: If you can Sell any att 25 or 30 ꝑ Cent advise the Size and quantity and we will furnish you, we Sent but halfe a Candy of Cotton upon the ffleetwood (upon w^{ch}: occasion you found cause to call a Consultation Extraordinary) because it was very dear we hop'd it would be Cheaper but it proved dearer and therefore Send you no more because you can buy it Cheaper Send us Yo^{r}: bales onely by the R^{t}: Honble: Compas: ships till further orders. we are

Yo^{r}: Affectionat ffreinds

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 34.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE & GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}:
DAVID &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 14TH: APRILL 96.

Wee have rec^{d}: Yo^{rs}: of 28th: and 30th: past and shall give you Creditt for Pag^{e}: 1: 15: 3 being 5 Rup^{s}: lent to Zulphaker Cawne Serv^{ts}: and have paid you^{r} Bill drawn on us for Pag^{s}: 229: 22: to M^{r}: John Afflack.

There are frequent and various Reports of an Army comeing from the Kings Camp under the Command of Deader Bux the Son of Arum Turra w^{ch}: is probably the Reason why Santogee Goorpara Stays with an Army of 15000 about Seerpee to appose their entrance into the Cornatta Country, and ꝑvent their Joining wth: Zulphaker Cawne.

M^{r}: Barwell and M^{r}: Butterfeild arrived here with the Mary Boyer on the 2^{d}: Ins^{t}: and have brought M^{r}: ffleetwood and M^{r}: Kennedee wth: them, and have left affaires very well Setled on the West Coast they dispatched the London ffrigatt and Amity in octob^{r}: last full laden & give us a good prospect of Considerable quantitys of Pepper ꝑcurable. we Have Resolved to send the Elizabeth thither (so soon as the land winds Sett in ffresh) wth: the necessary Supply of ffactors Stock

Stores and Souldiers they brought three Souldiers wth : them who comeing to see their ffriends c[h]oose Rather to Returne then stay here. So much is the place alter'd for the bett^{r} : M : Butterfield hath brought wth : him 3 p^{r} : of bookes of [P]ryamong and 2 p^{r} : of Bencoolen all unfinished hee hath two Assistants appointed him for that service and will come to you so soon as tis finished in the mean time M^{r} : ffarmar and a ffactor and a writer will be sent you by the first opportunity.

Understanding by Vincatee Yo^{r} : Dubash that Grain and wood is scarce and Dear w : you, we have ordered the bringing 100,000 Sticks of firewood and 40 or 50 Garse of Rice and paddy to be sent you for Stores by the King William w^{ch} : will be a good opportunity of Supplying you wth : all things that you want and we can furnish w^{ch} : shall be done if you Send us a list the Sooner the better. We have heard nothing of the ffrench Ships Since the advice from Govern^{r} : Pitt of their being mett and fought by a Dutch ffleet in the begining of ffebry : off Wingerlee Rocks w^{ch} : is not aboue a month agoe.

The King William when she Returnes from you may bring all the Bales and Pepper you shall have then in Readyness. wee are

Yo^{r} very Affec^{t} : Freinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 24TH : APRILL 1696

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESID^{T} : OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE & GOV^{R} : OF FORT
S^{T} : DAVID &C^{A} : COUNCILL ATT FFORT S^{T} : DAVID.

Wee Rec^{d} : Yo^{rs} : the 21st : Ins^{t} : wth : 6 Pag^{s} : for Assey.

If 1000 Pag^{s}: in Silver fan^{s} : will Reduce the buzar price of 37¼ fan^{s} : for 1 Pag : we must Send you no more till they are Spent you Returne us 21 fan^{s} : w^{ch} : Yo^{r} : Shroff found bad among the 1000 Pag^{s} : worths we Returne them herewth :, because doe not think we should give you Credit upon the Shroffs word w^{ch} : will incourage him another time to Change a Greater Sume and then say they are bad.

On Satterday night last wee had a violent Storme, w^{ch} : continued till Munday and drove 7 Ships from our Road ashoare towards S^{t} : Thomay and three near our ffort on Tuesday came into our Road A Ship belonging to Armer Cawn driven from Yo^{r} : Road the wind being Easterly for most part of the time drove in the Sea near our walls and Carryed away Some Grain and Great quantity of Polls ffirewood and Redwood.

The King William will proceed for Yo^{r} : port so soon as y^{e} : Currant is abated, and land winds Sett in to favour her passage and will bring you the desired Stores and Assistants Vincatee will alsoe take his passage by that Shipe, passage by land being troublesome.

Timapa our Cheif Merch^{t} : on Munday night last Runaway privately out of the Town to S^{t} : Thomay (from thence on Wenesday he went to Lillum back the occasion is Supposed to be this, our Joint Stock Merch^{ts} : being [d]windled away we Required them to make up their Accots : upon the Examination thereof they demanded Severall considerable Sums : of Timapa to ꝑvent their further demands, he hath made his Escape being alsoe discontented because we found it necessary in order to Contract wth : others, to lay aside the ꝑsent Comp^{a} : of Joint Stock Merch^{ts} : till they had made up their Acco^{ts} : and ꝑduced their Stock and by Consequence devested him from the State of Cheif Merch^{t} : not understanding the designe or

Consequance of his Runing away we have thought it necessary to secure some ꝑsons who were suspected to be privet among whom is Narraine our Cheif Dubash we have paid Yo^{r} : Bill of 2000 Pag : to Don Theadore. we are

Yo^{r} : Affectionat Freinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 36.

25th : APRILL.

Since the foregoing was finished, we have this day Rec^{d} : Yo^{rs} : of the 18th : Inst^{t} : wth : a must^{r} : of Pepper upon w^{ch} : you are Contracting for 100 Candy and have promised our Answer in 8 dayes but it comes not to us before the 7th : day from the date of the Letter we had much Rather you pay 23¾ for Good Mallaber Pepper brought over land then 22 for the Same brought by Sea but since there is a failure in that it is necessary that we increase our Stock of Pepper by Such opportunitys as offer and we would very willingly buy this 100 Candy but it must not be bought for Mallabar Pepper whereof there is but the Smaller : p^{t} mix'd wth : y^{t} : w^{ch} : y^{e} : Deans bring from Jehore and is very fowle if you buy it as it is y^{u} : must afterwards throw away the Dust before it be laden but it is better to buy it Clean at 22½ pag^{s} : or 23 ꝑ Candy then 22 as it is the Dust being a tenth part of the Muster.

We want Yo^{r} : Calculate of w^{t} : number of bales you yet Expect to Receive from the Merchants upon the Acco^{t} : of the 45000 Pag^{s} : Invest^{m} : and the Europe Goods Since Sold y^{m} : besides the 88 bales w^{ch} : y^{u} : advise to be Ready we are Sorry to hear Yo^{r} : Merch^{ts} : Refuse to Contract.

We shall pay Yo^{r} : two Bills when due Pag^{s} : 200 to M^{r} : Chardin and Pag^{s} : 155 to Roque Rodriguer.

By all we have had concerning Tomina Conacoplees Debt, wee cannot understand whether he or the Sea Customer be Responsible to the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : for the money lett the case be Examined and Stated. The Rest of the Lett^{rs} : will be Answered by ship King William. We have had nothing of the ffrench Ships Since the Report of their engagem^{t} : wth : the Dutch Ship off Wingerlore Rocks in the begining of ffeb^{ry} : we are

Yo^{r} : Very Affec^{t} : ffreinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 37.

TO THE WORP^{LL} : ABRAHAM WILLMOT
CHEIFE &C^{A} : COUNCILL FOR THE R^{T} : HON^{BLE} : NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMP^{A} : ATT SADRASSAPATAM.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 25TH APRILL 1696.

RESPECTED FFREINDS.

A Parr called Perversear whereof Jañ : Michelson is Skipper come into this Road on 21st : and the Skipper informing that he was driven from his Anchors by Storme and wanted a Cable and Anchor wood and water and Carpent^{rs} : to Repaire some defect in the Vessell we have caused him to be Supplied wth : all things w^{ch} : he Requested, and because he declaired that he had no money to pay for the Same,

we have taken his Receipt whereof we send one Inclosed for Yo^{r} : Sattisfaction, the Skipper declareing that he is bound for Yo^{r} : Port and desire that you will please to cause the Amo^{t} : to be paid to us here, or to the Govern^{r} : & Councill of Fort S^{t} : David being Pag^{s} : Madrass 40 : 5^{a} : 60 the Anchor is very dear but it is not our fault for we had none in Store of a Sutable Size and the owner would not Spare it from his own occasione for lesse then Pag^{s} : 17 as the Skipper can informe you. we are

Yo^{r} : Assured ffreinds & Servants
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 38.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 25TH : APPRILL 1695/6.

To ISSA COOLEY.

I rec^{d} : Yo^{r} : two letters by w^{ch} : I understand yor : Good affection to the Comp^{as} : affaires I have long Expected to hear from the Generall, w^{ch} : is the Reason I have not wrote to you sooner so soon as I Rec^{d} : a letter from him I intend to write you lardgly I have Enquired for the Velvett you wrote for, and can find none I am sending a ship Suddenly to China and will then give orders for it but I cannot Expect to Receive it till next ffeb^{ry} : I desire you to continue to give me advice of the Surratt Affaires, as occasion Requires what can I write more.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

No. 39.

To DUAN MAHOOMED SHAFFEE.

APRILL 25TH : 1696.

I lately Rec^{d} : a letter from you and answered it by yor : Serv^{ts} : wth : whom I sent two pair of Chrystall ostoes and plates Yesterday the same ℘son brought me Your lett^{r} wherein you desire me to assist him in procureing what he wants for Yo^{r} Service he tells me that w^{n} : he has occasion he will come to me and I shall allwayes Readily Serve you to the utmost of my power. Seven dayes agoe the Great Storme drove Six Ships from our Road to the Shoar, wth : in the bounds of Milapoore and they are all broken and destroyed so that many will never be fitt for Service againe & some are broken all to peices However that w^{ch} : Remains belonging to the ships, will be of use for other ships and there are also Goods to the Vallue of 20000 Pag^{s} : How much Remaining I cannot tell, but they who Seize upon it must be answe[rable] for all I sent to the Avaldore for his Assistance in Saveing and bringing away w^{t} : is left but he hath put a Stop and keeps officers who forbid our people medling wth : any thing and they say it is the Kings lands and it all belongs to the King Doth the King order that to be taken away from poore Cast away men, w^{ch} : the Mercelesse Sea hath spared [*sic*] I have heard his orders in all his Dominion are to assist he alwayes doe Justice according to God Allmightys Rulls and will not order that to be taken away w^{ch} : God allmighty ordered to be saved.

By whatever the Kings officers doe order concerning other Ships yet is there any Reason for seizing upon Ships belonging to the English we by ancient Sallabad here allwayes Enjoyed priviledge of bringing their Ships delivered to them when Cast away about 2 Years agoe one of our ships Goeing to Bengall was cast away att Conerca, the Nobling Raja Seized upon all about 10,000 Pag^{s} : and destroyed or kept the men prisoners. The Nobob of Catek sent now word that he will compell the Robbers to Return the money and you may be further Satisfied by the Copy of the Grand Vives [Viziers] Perwanna Granted upon the like occasion as you are the

Lover of Justice and have alwayes Shewn ffreindship to me, I desire you will please to give order to the Avaldore of St: Thoma that all belonging to the English may be delivered wth: out any hindrance.

Bera Timapo one of the Compas: Merchts: being Indebted a great Sum: of money upon Accot: Run away in the night to Melapore where some people gave him assistance and I hear he is gone further the Compa: hath alwayes Enjoyed that Sallabad than when any of their Servts: Run away they ought to be deliver'd I give you this true notice least other people should Raise false Storys and I pray favour in causing to Returne what can I write more.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

No. 40.

DATED 27TH: APRILL 1696.

TO DUAN MAHOOMED SHAFFEE.

I Recd: Yor: Lettr: and have observed the Contents you write me about Shaw Mahoomed Goods wch: he Shipt of and the Vessell Cast away and he demanded the Goods from the Lascars two dayes agoe the Avaldor of St: Thoma wrote to me about this business upon wch: I delivered the sd: Lascars to Shaw Mahoomed wt: can I write more.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

No. 41.

FFORT ST: GEORGE 1D: MAY 1696.

TO CHINU CASHEAVA NAIGUE
POLLYGAR ATT WEALLA VAROOPALLAM.

I Recd: Yor: ffreindly letter by Yor: Servts: wch: acquaint me that Bera Timapa is att Yor: woods, I beleive he tells you a faire Story as he writes to me that he is Goeing to Rama Coote, but the truth is he Run away in the night because he is Indebted Pags: 20000 to the Honble: Compa: of Merchts: I am Glad he is come to Yor: Hands you are a wise man and know Yor: office if he Runs away you will be answerable You may lett him know I command him to Returne he knows I will doe him no wrong I have not yet Seized upon his Houses &ca: thinking that after he had considerd a little he would come to himselfe for why should a man Ruin himselfe as he will doe, if he follows the course he hath taken advise him ffreindly and alwayes Reckon me among Yor: ffreinds. what can I write more.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

FORT ST: GEORGE 8TH: MAY 1696.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & GOVR: OF
FORT ST. DAVID &CA: COUNCILL OF FORT ST: DAVID.

Yesterday we Recd: Yors: datd: 2 Inst: wth: papers According to list No: 1: to 9 wherein you give us a ℘ticular Accot: of the Case between the Chingee Goldsmith and the Dutch Mercht: wherein we observe you have proceeded wth: due Consideration and Stop at Senr: Calendrini &ca: Refuseing to deliver the Criminall till ordrs: from Negapatam wch: if they direct the delivery of Criminall you will have no difficulty in Executeing the Sentence against him.

But tis most probable that the Dutch will according to their Constant pra[c]tice, contrive some Pretensions whereon to Ground a denyall and it is likely they will alledge the Priviledge by Cowle of Punishing their owne Servts: wch: priviledge was never denyed them (nor ought) in matters Relateing to themselves, and their business as Merchts: but cannot be construed to Extend to Crimes wch: calls a mans life into

question, or concernes the publick peace and good understanding between the Govern^{r} : of Tegnepatam and the Country Governm^{t} : w^{ch} : belongs onely to the Cognecance of the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Comp^{a} : as Lords Propritors.

We think therefore that the Dutch are wholly in the wrong in protecteing the Merch^{t} : from Justice and that we must not quitt the Demand of his delivery untill Justice be done to the Satisfaction of the Partyes aggreived and if the Dutch shall find a way to Satisfy them wth : out delivering the Criminall to you that he might suffer punishment in the manner appointed by the Sentence, and the partyes shall by writeing attested acknowledge themselves fully satisfied tho you may in such case, for peace sake forbear to prosecute the demands of his delivery yet it will be Requisete, that you send Senr : Calendrini &c^{a} : a declaration Signifying that tho upon the ℘tyes declareing themselves Satisfyed, and out of Regard to the ffreindship between the nations you forbaer to demand the delivery of the Criminall att ℘sent, yet that you doe not thereby intend the quitting but do still claim and Reserve our Right & Authority for demanding the delivery of Criminalls in like Casses and in this if occasion shall hereafter Require & [in] the mean time declare them Responsible for Evill Consequence if any shall happen for want of their delivering the Criminall.

If the Dutch doe not satisfie the ℘ty and yet Refuse to deliver the Criminall we thinke you must not proceed to take him out of the ffactory by force but send them a Protest to make them Answerable for all consequents and ℘use their Cowles w^{ch} : they ℘tend to have Rec^{d} : from the Country Governm^{t} : and Consider wth : us whether there may not from thence be gathered some Reasons for stoping their tread &c^{a} : in such cases as the Country Governm^{t} : would and without doubt have formerly done there as well as in all other ffactoryes Dutch and English.

If the Complaints Continue to demand Justice as probably they will it will be difficult to answer their for if you deliver them a Copy of the Sentence and acquaint them that you have demanded him of the Dutch, but they Refuse to deliver him the Complainants will probably apply to Ramraja and he will send you a letter wth : a Coppy you may send to the Dutch and leave the Coppy wth : y^{m} : (but keep the originall) and if they yet Refuse to deliver Protest againe, but if you answer Ramraja y^{t} : the Dutch declair the Criminall, he will still insist the more Earnestly upon the delivery and if he be not delivered, he may order his fforces when they come that way to trouble you and the Dutch too and it would be a very hard case y^{t} : we should not onely suffer for their sakes but be oblig'd to defend them as Inhabitants who occasion the trouble.

If there be occasion, write Govern^{r} : Pitt &c^{ca} : the State of the Case and Represent to him the probable Consequence and the necessity of the Criminalls being punished to the Satisfaction of the Complainants according to the Custome of the Country.

Inclosed is the 21 fanams omitted in y^{e} : last. We concurr wth : you in ℘mitting Soundu Bollagee to Coining Sheveray Pag^{s} : because itt will draw money to the place and if they are not coined there will be coined Else where.

Lett us have as near a Calculate of the bales Expected from former Contracts as can be made wth ; out adjusting the Merch^{ts} : Acco^{ts} : we dont want a nice Calculate to a peice or a bale.

Lett M^{r} : Griffeth Repair hither by the King William in the mean time lett him adjust his Acco^{ts} : and send us the State thereof wth : him and his answer thereunto and Yo^{r} : Remarks and advise us by whom Tomina was appointed Conicoply.

Inclosed is Invoyce and bill of Ladeing of what Laden on the King William M^{r} : ffarmar comes by said Ship to take his Station in Councill according to Seniority of Standing in the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Service and we leave you to appoint his imployment M^{r} : Butterfeild will Returne to his former Employm^{t} : of Sea Customer of Cudalore so soon as he hath finished the west Coast Acco^{ts} : w^{ch} : will Yett Require att least a months time being in all five paire of Bookes we have also orderd M^{r} : Bewlay to goe by the King William.

Send us by the King William four or five Garse of oyle seed for our Garrison use, being informed it is Cheaper wth: you then here we now buying at about 55 Pags: ℘ Garse.

There is continued upon Ditto ship a considerable quantity of lead whereof you may take ashoar as much as you think proper for Yor: Markett, and Returne ye: Rest we send 40 bales Europe Cloth, Supposeing the nearrest of the Great Moratta may take of more then formerly.

Tho you advise Yor: Merchts: will not hitherto Contract, yet we hope they will Suddainly, being informed that the Marrattas doe begin to give Cowles to Merchts:, for bringing downe Goods from Inland parts, whereupon a Considerable quantity is comeing ye: time is Short for providing the Expected number of bales in Septembr: but you must Endeavour to gett as many as you cane and if Yor: Merchts: will not Contract buy up as much Cloth as you Can (of the Sorts Expressed in the Rt: Honble: Compa: List haveing Regard to a proportion in the Sevll: sorts Endeavour to gett itt Equall to mustr: but if not procurable such as is fitt for ye: Europe Merkett giveing a price according to the Goodnesse and we urge you to use Yor: Uttmost Endeavours to ℘cure as much as you can that we may be able to dispatch a ship in Septembr: if occasion Requires and therefore gett as much Peppr: as you can and to Enable you to ℘ceed in Getting Goods we have sent you by this Ship as much money as we can possibly Spare att ℘ sent and you may as occasion Requires draw bills upon us for more. we are,

Yor very Affect: ffreinds.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 43.

To MR: SIMON HOLCOMBE.
CHEIFE &CA COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAM.

FFORT ST. GEORGE 9TH: MAY 1696.

On the 1st: Inst: we Recd: Yor: two lettrs: of the 11th: of Aprill wth: Inclosed papers according to List we note Yor: warehous keepers Report of the Damaged Cloth you Recd: by Ship Russell ffrigatt but there is no Remedy they were sent you as they came to us by the last Ships wth: out opening and there appeared no Signs of Damage in the Package much of our Cloth proves damaged in like manner besides a considerable quantity damaged by the Ships.

By the Mary Bowyer we send you as designed the amot: of 10000 Pags: and Rupes whereof 3500 are Bengall &ca: mixt the Rest Madrass being unwilling to send you so great a quantity as Pags: 10000 in that Sort because you have not given us an incouraging accot: of their passing as Current as others according to the Request of yor: merchts: mention'd in Yor: Consultation of 27th: March we allow the Rups: be deliverd to the Merchts: at the Invoice price wherein we Rate the Madrass Rupees att the Rate we have sold 100000 to others and the others as they Cost but you must make them Sensible of the favour done them and ye: advantage they Reap by it, to quicken them in bringing in their goods Since we understand that Rupees are more proper for Yor: Merchts: then Pags: we shall take care for the future to Supply Yor: ffactory accordingly.

We also send you two pces: Crimson fine Cloth (having no Scarlett) and some Flintware &ca: toyes for ℘sents Enquire whether a buffe Coat Richly lased might be an acceptable ℘sent to the Seer Lascar, if you should at any time have occasion to ℘sent him to such a Vallue its prime Cost is £17 Sterling, we have three, and can spare you one but would not send it wth: out Yor: advise, we are sorry to hear Yor: Merchts: cannot (thro the Scarcity of Cotten and troubles of the Country)

comply w^th : their whole Contract in time we doubt not but you will doe Yo^r : utmost endeavours and because there is a necessity for getting as much Cloth as posible by the latt^r : end of August or begining of Septemb^r : Reject none that is fitt for Europe Marketts but take all att abatements proportionable to the Goodness.

Our Doct^r : here has no other allowance but Candles oyle and washing w^ch : may be allowed S^r : Cotter. There cane be no price Stated for Sticklack, but according to its Goodness the lack w^ch : this Country affords w^ch : is poor enough, hath Sold here att 6 to 10 Pag^s : ℘ Candy according to the Markett Pegue Sticklack at 15 to 20 w^ch : is accounted the best in India but there is very little of those sorts brought hither w^ch : keeps the price dear the Price of Bengall hath been about 4 or 5 Rup^s : ℘ mo^e : but what sort the Coast of Gengerlee affords we cannot tell, w^n : you have ℘cured a must^r : it may be known.

The Killing of the Gentue woman seems by the Examinations to be Accidentall and not designed, and therefore here appears no Reason to call the ℘son Supposed to be Actor, in question for his life unless the Relation of the deceased doe ℘secute him and demand Justice till when he may be discharged but by y^e : first oppertunity Return'd hither you have done very well in useing means to Content the Husband by takeing him into Service and if the deseased had near Relations, you may also make ℘vision for them and Spare not the giveing of a few Rup^s : among them to ℘cure their discharge in writeing w^ch : may ℘vent a greater futere Expence, which you will be compelld to be att if complaint be made to the Seir Lascar, w^ch : if done you must make itt up as well as you can.

We sent you as much large paper as nessasary for the Generall Bookes and we have no more but Just enough for our Bookes and apply it to no other use nor have we 100 Quils we sent you by mistake 50 Quils more then Yo^r : Share w^ch : were designed for Fort S^t : David.

Pay such sums as the Agent &c : of Bengall advise for the Acco^t : of Meerza Mahmood Sied.

We send the Briganteen Gingerlee to be Repaird w^ch : dispatch as well and as soon you can, and send her to the Agent &c^a : of Bengall unless you shall in the mean [time] Receive other orders from us Inclosed is the list of Stores lett her be Sheathed w^th : ye teake plankes She Carryes but if there be want of more planke lett other sorts be put on the bottom w^ch : will be alwayes in the water and lett her be Sheathed w^th : the Teake between wind and water Send the Acco^t : of her Charge to Bengall w^th : the Briganteen, and advice us the Acco^t : for w^ch : Deb^t Acco^t : Currant.

Inclosed is a Commission from the Court of Admiralty directed to M^r : Samuell Owen for Receiving the Cheife Answer to Sev^ll : Interrogatories herew^th : Sent Relateing to an Action depending in that Court, between the R^t : Honble : Comp^a : and M^r : Proby w^ch : answer M^r : Owen is to Returne under his hand and Seale, keeping Coppies of the Same. we are,

Yo^r : very Affac^t : Frinds.

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM HATSELL.
PRESID^T : OF FORT S^T : GEORGE & GOV^R : OF FORT S^T : DAVID &C^A : COUNCILL OF FORT S^T : DAVID.

FFORT S^T . GEORGE 11TH : MAY 1696.

Our last was dated 9th : Ins^t : overland Inclosed is the Invoice and Bill of Lade-ing for Treasur Europe Cloth, and Stores laden on Ship King William Capt : James Thwaites Com^r : amo^t : Pag^s : 19627 : 4 : 4 M^r : Richard ffarmar takes his Passage

on this Ship as formerly advised also M^{r} : Edward Baugus ffactor (we designd a writer but he is faln Sick and must wait another oppertunity) also Thomas Emmed to be Employed as Gunner in Cuddalore, as John Bush was and att his wages and Joseph Ryall to be Docters assistant att Pag^{e} [. .] : ꝑ mens : and Vencatee Your Dubash.

One Laflore a ffrench Sould^{r} : belonging to our Garrison hath leave to goe to Negapatame to fetch his wife and to Returne hither we have ꝑmitted him to take his passage upon this Ship.

When you have unladen all the Goods from the King William lade aboard her all the Bales and Pepper then Ready and Returne her to us lett all the Pepper be put in Bags If any ffreight Goods offer lett them be laden att the usall Rates. Inclosed is the list of what comes from hence in ffreight.

You are to allow Capt : Thwaites 27 : fa ꝑ day for the Dyett of M^{r} : ffarmer Mr Bawgus Thomas Emmed & Joseph Royall. we [are],

yor : very Affec^{te} : Freinds.
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T} .

No. 1 Generall Letter dat^{d} : 11th . May 1696.
2 Invoice of ship King William.
3. Bill of Ladeing of Ditto.
4. List of good[s] Laden on D^{o} : Ship on ffreigh[t]:

To CAP^{T} : JAMES THWAITES,
COMMAND^{R} : OF SHIP KING WILLIAM.

Haveing laden on Yo^{r} : Ship what designed for ffort S^{t} : David you are hereby ordered to Repair abourd and wth : the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh Anchor and Sett Saile and make the best of Yo^{r} : way for the Port of ffort S^{t} : David, Tegnepatam, and when Arrived to deliver our letter directed to the Honble : William Hatsell Govr : & : Councill whose orders you are to ffollow for Yo^{r} : unlaideing ladeing and Returning M^{r} : ffarmer and M^{r} : Bawgus two of the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Serv^{ts} : take their Passage on Y^{or} : Ship to whom we assigne the use of the Great Cabben also Thomas Emmed and Joseph Royall who allso goe to Serve the R^{t}. : Honble : Comp^{a} : for all whose dyett you are to Receive from Govr : Hatsell &c^{a} : at the Ratte of 27 fanams ꝑ day dureing the Passage we wish you a Good voyage and date these in Fort S^{t} : George this 11th : day of May 1696.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

Dated the 6 May : 1696.

To NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWNE.

I enjoy Good health wishing to hear the same from Yo^{r} : Ex^{cy} : I understand that yor : Ex^{cy} : ordered Hodge Mahomed Ally to buy some Europe Cloth, alwayes Yo^{r} : Ex^{cy} : bestowed Yo^{r} : ffavour towards us and assist us in our Comp^{s} : affairs according to Sallabad, I have Sent now by Hodge Mahomud Some Europe Cloth, of the best Sort we have altho' tis unfitt to come before Yo^{r} . Ex^{cy} : but I being Yo^{r} : Ex^{cy} : obligeing ffreind hope you will accept of it, Six Ships by a late Storme was

driven ashore from our Road within the bounds of S^{t} : Thoma, whereof three belonging to us one to the Arminians who inhabitt here and two to 2 Moor men who came from Bengall, and Hodge Mahomud Ally Contrary to our Sallabad hinders from bringing the Damaged Goods and broken peices of the Ships but our Sallabad is that if any such things happens in the Mogulls Dominions the Govern^{r} : of the place ought to assist us in Carrying away the Goods &c^{a} : without any Mollestation Yo^{r} : Ex^{cy} : is sincible for this Sallabad, we have Phirmaunds Granted by former Kings besides Yo^{r} : ffather the Grand Vizer Assidd Cawne Granted us his Ꝑwanna to the same Effect Coppy of w^{ch} : comes Inclosed for y^{r} : Ꝑusuall and hope itt will give Yo^{r} : Ex^{cy} : full Satisfaction Yo^{r} : Ex^{cy} : is very well Sencible of the Service we have done and doe now for the King and his Subjects if any officer in these parts act Contrary to our Sallabad we have none but your Ex^{cy} : to make our Redress to Y^{r} : Ex^{cy} : please to Consider these Great Losses for the owners of the Ships yett Hodge Mohomed Ally brings them more trouble, and besides discourages us so hope Yo^{r} Ex^{cy} : will order him to Act According to our Sallabad and deliver us the Goods and Remains of the Ships wth : in his bounds, and if your Ex^{cy} : confirms our Sallabad Yo^{r} : fame will Endure for ever w^{t} : more can I write att large Command me to further Service.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

List of Six Ships Cast on Shoar att S^{t} : Thoma.

Three belonging to the English Morning Stare The Ship broken to pec^{s} : and y^{e} : Goods all lost but 300 p^{s} : lead Remaining in y^{e} : bottom of the Ship. Success—The Ship Broken to pe^{s} : two bales saved y^{e} : Rest of the Goods all Lost. Boa Vista The Ship broken to pe^{s} : and the Goods all lost Except 150 pe^{s} : lead att the bottom of the Ship. One Ship belonging to Arminians Inhabitants of Chinapatam. The Ship Broken and the Goods all lost butt a little brimstone and Tabaco. Two ships belonging to 2 Moors of Bengall.

To ENGE RAMA : CHENDRA, POLLIGAR :

I enjoye Good health and am Glad to hear of Yo^{rs} : I Rec^{d} : Yo^{r} : lett^{r} : where in you give me a frindly advice that Bera Timapa is in Your woods, he Run away indebted to the Honble : Comp^{a} : Merch^{ts} : in a great Sum̃ : and being in such a freinds hands I hope you will not lett him goe away for he owes about 20000 Pag^{s} : and why should you make Yo^{r} : Selfe answerable.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

To BERY TIMAPA.

Dated 15th : May 1696.

I Rec^{d} : Yo^{r} : lett^{r} : wherein you desire me to Send Docter Blackwall to you to write a Pettition, you may come and bring your Petition w^{ch} : we promised to be hard before you went away.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

To TIMAPA FROM RAMAPA

I Rec^{d} : Yo^{r} : lett^{r} : and understand the meaning of itt according to Yo^{r} : Desire I have acquainted the Gen^{ll} : &c^{a} : Councill and their order is for you to come hither againe dat^{d} : the 21th : May :

21 May 1696.

To the Wor^{pll} : John Brabourn

Commander &c^{a} : Councill att Anjengo :

On the 19th : Ins^{t} : Ship Eagle brought us Yo^{r} : Gen^{ll} : letter dat^{d} : 1st : Ins^{t} : wth : papers as ℘ List w^{ch} : Gives us y^{e} : Good news of Yo^{r}. Receipt of the Stores and Treasure Sent you by Ship Experem^{t} : and are Glad the Supply proved Seasonable and ye workemen usefull the Bricklay^{rs} : & Stone Cutter are come by the Eagle and according to Yo^{r} : desire we shall Returne them to you wth : as many other workemen as can be provided Either by land or sea so as to come to you in Septemb^{r} : we shall pay the Bills you have drawne upon us Viz^{t} : Cheq̃ : weighty 796½ and 4 Madrass fanams to the ffreighters of Ship Eagle and Cheq̃ : 2910 : to John Cockroff Master in all Cheq̃ : 3706½ and 4 : fa : Vallued 12 ℘ Cent is Pag : 4151 : 12 for w^{ch} : sum : you must Debt Yo^{r} : Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : you omitted to Mention in Yo^{r} : Gen^{ll} : letter the Sum̃ : of the Bill payable to the ffreighters but we give Creditt to the [letter] of advice directed to them, being Signed by the Councill.

The Brigantin Gingerlee Arrived on the 11ns^{t} : the following ℘sons came in her vizt : Clays Johnson Xavier Gomer Patrick ffaggon Roger Sharplesse John Leall Antony Lopes and Domingo Mendes who being Examined give us this Acco^{t} : that when most of them were asleep Henry Wright, and some other cutt the Cable in Anjango Road in the night and Sailed away y^{t} : in the Voyage Henry Wright Abusd Jno : Rodriguer after y^{t} : manner y^{t} : he drowned himselfe the first land they made on the Coast was about Sadrasspatam were they come to anchor and Henry Wright and Manuell Markein went ashoar in their absence the Rest agreed to weigh anchor and Saile hither we Easily perceived Some of these men Could not be ingaged in a designe of Runing away wth : the Vessell one being a Cripple another wants little of being a foole another orderd to Returne to his family, and another came to Marry his Daughter, and these men were not forward to accuse Johnson Or Xavier Gomer, but the same fellow Roger Sharplese hath upon Strick Enquire given an Acco^{t} : that they appeared att first to be in the Combination wth : Wright, but that they Readily comuned after Wright was ashoar to bring away y^{e} : Vessell hither and they plead for themselves, that att the first they were compelld by Wright to worke as others did, and knew not but all the Rest of the Company were agreed but themselves these two Remain still in Custody we sent Peons after Wright and Markeins but there is yett no news of them.

We take itt for Granted that you design'd to send the Brigantine but for what end we know not, however she proveing very leaky and att ℘sent unserviceable but by surweigh Repairable we have sent her to Vizagapatam wth : new planks for her Repair and sheathing wth : Teak plankes Designing her Either for the Service of the West Coast or Bengall unless you shall advise us the necessity of her being sent back to you w^{ch} : will be a great disappointment because att ℘sent we depend upon her being sent to ye West Coast in Octob^{r} :

You have Sent us two Sould^{rs} : William Goodman a drunken Sott and John Garden a Theife we have given them both Arms in this Garrison and shall keep them to Double Sentinalls Duty till they appear Reformed.

When opportunity offers we will Supply y^{u} : wth : more Topazes and R Bell [*sic*] and Chest of Medicines if ℘curable we have no Guns to Spare from the Garrison but Such as would not be so fitt for your use as y^{u} : desire. We are Glad to hear of the Safe Arrivall of the America God be thanked the Ships w^{ch} : came out in her Company came all Safe hither the ffleet ffrigatt King William and Russell ffrigate the ffirst hath been att Bengall and deliv'd her Cargo and Returned hither, and his ℘ceeding for the West Coast the King William is now at ffort S^{t} : David the Russell ffrigatt is gone wth : a Stock to Bengall.

Since the writeing y^e : foregoing there hath been made a different Calculate of the Bills as ffolloweth Viz^t :

ffreighters Bill Cheq^s : Stands ½ att 12½ Pa		896 : 1 : 5
Madrass fan^s : . . .		4 : –
		896 : 5 : 5
Cockroffs Bill		
Stard Cheq^s : 1238¼ att 12½ Pag^es :	1393 : 2 : 1	
Gubbors 1671¾ at 11¼ . .	1864 : : –	
		3257 : 2 : 1
The Sume payable here is . . .		4153 : 8 : —

We are

Yo^r : affectionatt ffreinds.

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROB^T : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 51.

To M^R : WILLIAM GRIFFEN
MASTER OF THE BRIGANTINE GINGERLEE.

Upon Receipt hereof you are to Repair aboard and w^th : the first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh Anchor and Sett Saile, and make best of Your way for the Port of Vizagapatam where you are to deliver our letter directed to M^r : Simon Holcombe Cheife &c^a : Councill whose orders you are to ffollow in the Repairing of ye Briggantine and in your further ℘ceeding when Repaired Dated in ffort St. George this 16 day of May 1696.

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROB^T : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE 21 MAY 1696

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESID^T : OF FORT S^T : GEORGE & GOV^R : OF
FORT S^T : DAVID &C^A : COUNCILL ATT FORT S^T : DAVID.

We have Rec^d Yo^rs : of 11th : & 16th : Ins^t : we shall debt Yo^r : Acco^t : Curr^t : for Pag^s : 40 : 5 : 4 : Rec^d : of M^r : Callendrina.

Wee very well approve Yo^r : Stateing the Case of the Chingee Goldsmith to Govr : Pitt &c^a : of Nagapatam before you give M^r : Callendrina &c^a : a Protest.

The Invoice of Ship King William went w^th : y^e : Ship. We are Supplied w^th : Oyle from Bengall by the ffleet ffrigott so that there is now no occasion for Yo^r : sending us oyle seeds.

If you have bought any lett them be sold againe you acquaint us that you can Expect but 60 Bales in August more then what mentioned in y^{r}: Calculate in lett^{r}: of 20th: March but Compairing the Calculate in both lett^{rs}: we cannot well understand w^{t}: number of Bales can bee depended [on] w^{n} you Returne y^{e}: King William to us wth: w^{t} Pepper and Bales shall be then Ready pray faile not to advise us how many bales may be Expected in August or Septem^{r}: besides what you lade on y^{e}: King William.

We thinke you had best buy the offerd Pepper att Pag^{s}: 22 ℘ Candy if you cannot gett it Cheaper and if itt be fowle clean itt afterwards.

There appeares so great necessity for Bales to Comp^{t}: the King William ladeing y^{t}: it is more adviseable to Allow Yo^{r}: Merch^{ts}: an Encourageing consideration for w^{t}: shall be delivered in August or Septemb^{r}: next, y^{n}: to goe wth: out them we have Contracted wth: Sundry Merch^{ts}: of this place for 17000 Pag^{s}: Goods deliverable in Septemb^{r}: and 3000 in Jan^{ry}: and they take $\frac{1}{5}$ Europe Goods the Rest money att Sev^{ll}: times and we allow them 10 ℘ Cent Interest upon our last Contract prices for so much as shall be deliver'd Emball'd in Sept^{r}: when if the troubles of the Country doe not impede they give us great asurance of delivering about 250 Bales.

Conjeveron is almost forsaken for fear of the Expected Morratas who att ℘sent seem to be Masters of the Gratest part of the Country and is little strength of the Moors (besides the Camp att Arcott) to w^{ch}: stand their ℘gress, there hath been many Reports of another Army approaching to the Nabobs Assistance but they dont appear it is said 10000 Marattas will come to Conjeveron if soe there is nothing to hinder their coming on to S^{t}: Thoma and Madrass our out Towns will lye Exposed to their plunder unlesse better defended then by our ℘sent number of sould^{rs}: if they come we shall desire you to Returne to us by the King William those w^{ch}: we sent you by the S^{t}: David Yatch.

We shall pay Yo^{r}: Bill drawn on us payable to M^{r}: Wright Pag^{s}: 150 we are

Yo^{r}: Affectionat ffreinds,

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROB^{T}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 53.

FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE MAY 29TH 1696.

TO JOHN DOLBEN ESQ^{R}: & M^{R}: RICHARD TRENCHFEILD
SUPRA CARGOS OF SHIP ELIZ^{H}: FFOR CANTON.

We herewth: deliver you bill of Ladeing & Invoice of Europe Cloth laden on ship Eliz^{h}: and Consigned to Yo^{r}: Selves for acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: amo^{t}: Pag^{s}: 247: 02, our desire and order is that the same be sold att Canton att the Markett price and the ℘duce (usuall Charges deducted) to Be Invested in tenn peecis of Vellvetts according to the must^{r}: herewth: delivered the overplus in Gold the Muster of Velvett is very small, and tho itt is big Enough to shew the Manner of the Worke yett two little to shew the designe of the flower, wherein you may direct the workemen according to Yo^{r}: owne ffancy lett four peceis be made of the Colour of the Muster two Red two black and two Green if itt be necessary to pay money for the makeing before you have Sold the Cloth please to advance itt and Repay y^{r}selves, out of the ℘duce of the Cloth.

We send two peices of Every sort of Europe Cloth w^{ch}: we have to try the markett of Canton and desire You to informe Yo^{r}: selves well, w^{t}: quantity of Each sort will sell Yearly att Canton and at w^{t}: prizess.

We are informed that there is a sort of wool in China w^{ch}: is like Caramania wool we desire you to inquire from whence itt ffirst comes or whence itt is to be had and the Prices, and quantity and bring us a Pecull or halfe a pecull if procurable dated in ffort S^{t}: George this 29th: May 1696

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROB^{T}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 54.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 29TH: MAY 1696.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: MATT: MILDMAY DEPUTY
GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT YORK FFORT.

The Bearer Richard Phrip mast^{r}: of Brigantin Acheen Merch^{t}: being bound on a trading Voyage to the West Coast of Sumatra, and his owners having given him Strict orders not onely to observe and Comply wth: all the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Rulls and orders, but to be assistant to their affairs as occasion Requires without apparent ꝑjudice to the voyage we doe therefore in Conformity to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Repeated ord^{r}: for incourageing and promoteing the private trade on that Coast, Recommend it to you to afford him Such Assistance in his businesse as he shall find occasion to Request ꝑticularly in ꝑcureing of Pepper Especially in such parts where you cannot Conveniently fetch itt and when itt may be spared without injury to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: business, w^{ch}: the owners doe not desire nor doe we intend should suffer in favour to private Traders whoever is concerned therein. We are

Yo^{r}: Affac^{t}: Freind[s]
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROB^{T}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 55.

FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE 30TH: MAY 1696.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: ADRIAN VISSER:

This serves onely to accompany y^{e}: lett^{r}: w^{ch}: I rec^{d}: this hour from y^{e}: Honble: Govr: Pitt w^{ch}: he desired me to send forward to you this being the needfull. I Remaine,

Yo^{r}: very Affec^{t}: Freind & Servt:
NATH: HIGGINSON.

No. 56.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 30TH MAY 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: LAURENCE PITT COUNCILL
EXTRAORD^{RY}: OF INDIA AND GOVERN^{R}:
OF NEGAPATAM &C^{A}: COAST OF CORMANDELL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}:
NETHERLAND EAST INDIA COMPANY.

I thankfully acknowledge the Receipt of your Hon^{rs}: Letter dat^{d}: $\frac{\text{6th Inst}}{\text{27th May}}$ wth: Copy of a Letter from Trincomalay to Colombo adviseing the appearence of four ships att Trincomalay w^{ch}: are suspected to be y^{e}: ships of our Common Enemy.

I Rather hope Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: gu[e]sses Right that they may be Ships from Batavia because Yesterday I Rec^{d}: an advice to w^{ch} : I give Creditt, that on the 6th: Ins^{t}: a Ship arrived att the bay of Pettipollam from Holland bound for Nagapatam, the Com^{r}: & Cheife men dead, and the men sickly comeing out from Holland in July in company wth: nine more, bound for Batavia.

I have rec^{d}: Yo^{r}: Intelligence concerning y^{e}: ffrench ships, since they last parted from Goa towards Surratt w^{ch}: a Portugees Ship late from Goa advisess:

If the ffrench ffleet of five or six ships shall come upon this Coast I am inclined to think they will come to S^{t}: Thoma, where they may Expect to Receive not onely the Common Civility of newters, but all the ffreindly Assistance w^{ch}: Portugees of that place cane give them wth: out declareing themselves our open Enemies I doubt not bu^{t} yor: Hon^{r}: did ℘ceive their Inclinations when you were here in the Year 1690. I have had some Expereince of itt since, and beleive them to be ffrenchmen in their harts.

Upon the ffirst Notice of their Comeing or appearing here, I will send immediate advice to Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: and if Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: shall be furnished wth: a sufficient ffleet to attack them, I hope I may be able to join a Ship or two wth: Yo^{rs}: I commend Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to Gods Protection and Remaine.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Very Affect: Freind
and Hum^{ble}: Servant
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.

P: S: 1st: June.

The foregoing I wrote to Send on the 30th: past being Saterday night after w^{ch}: falling upon y^{e}: Examination of y^{e}: time when severall ships now in our Road passed by Trincomaly in their passage hither I find there are three here and one att S^{t}: Thoma which passed by Trincomalay between the 21/11 and 27/17 May w^{ch}: gives me occation to thinke these are the ships w^{ch}: y^{e}: Gentlem^{n}: of Trincommalay mention in their Letter to the Honble: Govr: of Colombo dat^{d}: 27th: May and that y^{r}: Hon^{r}: may the better Judge I send inclosed the ℘ticulars of w^{t}: the Sev^{ll}: Masters have informed.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: oblidgeing ffreind
and obedient serv^{t}:
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.

No. 57.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 30TH MAY 1696.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: RICH^{D}: WATTS CHEIF &C^{A}:
COUNCILL IN TONQUEEN.

Being advised by a vessell w^{ch}: come from Acheen in May last wth: out lett^{rs}: that the Ship Pearle was arrived there: wth: M^{r}: Keeling M^{r}: ffarmer and Capt: Howell but being uncapable of ℘ceeding hither her Cargo was Landed there and M^{r}: ffarmer waited our orders, we sent an Europe Ship the Mary Capt: Thomas Oyles Comand^{r}: to bring away the Pearles Cargo and Passengers who in Decem^{r}: last, brought us all Safe, and your Packett q^{t}: y^{r}: Gen^{ll}: latter dat^{d}: 25th: Jan^{ry}: 1693/4 and 8th: Novem^{r}: 1694 wth: the accompanying Books and Papers According to List.

This comes to you by way of Conton Recommended to M^{r}: Dolben and M^{r}: Trenchfeild supra Cargoes of ship Elizabeth for Conveyance by land Patamars by whom we desire you to Returne us an answer with the Necessary Advices.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have by their last Gen^{ll}: Letter to us order'd y^{e}: wth: drawing of the ffactory of Tonqueen to ffort S^{t}: George so soon as possibly it can be Effected we have used our outmost Endeavours to gett a ship for y^{t}: ℘pose, but we have had none from Europe of a fitt Size and there haveing been 11 ships Cast ashore from our Road by a storme in Aprill and 9 Ships yett missing w^{ch}: ought to

have arrived before Aprill, and still Expected we have not yett mett wth: one that is fitt and are unwilling to send one that is crazy but we are still in hopes of procureing one to send before the 15th: June w^{ch}: we Reckon y^{e}: latest time of departure.

Wee are very Sencible of the Necessity of Sending one this Year finding by Yo^{r} Books that you have very little Stocke Remaining besides Debts w^{ch}: if you cannot Recover you will not be in a condition to carry on any trade but will live wholly on Charges and therefor the sooner the ffactory is withdrawn the better.

Yo^{r}: onely business therefore now is to prepare for a Removeall in order to w^{ch}: use Yo^{r}: utmost Endeavours for getting in the Debts and for disposeing of the Remains to y^{e}: best advantage and consider of the best methods for ꝑventing Yo^{r}: being detained by the Govern^{r}: that you may be in a Redyness to come away when a ship arrives.

The Debts amo^{ts}: to a great Sum: above 20000 tale but we doubt itt will be difficult to gett them considering w^{t}: you write in Yo^{rs}: of 8th: Novem^{r}: 1694.

That you have nothing to Shew for them M^{r}: Keeling doth affairme to us that he hath deliv'd all the Bills to you but you Refused to give him Receipt for them or any thing else as you found him in Tonqueen so he proves here some times in a more compossed temper, but when we Enter into discourse wth: him concerning the affairs of Tonqueen he dos by degrees fall into a kind of distraction w^{ch}: we cant yet ꝑceive to be feigned all y^{t}: we can gett from him is that you have Grossely abused him in Tonqueen and taken from him by force all y^{t}: you could meet wth: of his, that you have Rec^{d}: from him all things whatsoever belonging to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: & would give him no Receipt nor shew him any Acco^{t}: that he hath secured all his Concerns and Papers in such hands in Tonqueen, as will not deliver any thing to any one unlesse he goes himself tho he should send never so many orders in writeing.

The Resolution he tooke as the most Effectuall method to ꝑcure his Returne to Tonqueen and to Render itt more necessary Refuseth to acquaint us wth: y^{e}: names of the ꝑsons butt there is no Reason to thinke Either that he intends to Returne if he can possibly procure his stay there by the favour of the Goverm^{t}: or otherwise, or that he will produce or deliver his Concerns or Papers unlesse compelld by the Governm^{t}: or that the Goverm^{t}: will compell them to deliver when he is there himselfe to opposse and make his Interest against you.

We have therefore hitherto thought it not adviseable to lett him goe, and herewth: we send you the Govern^{r}: lett^{rs}: to the King Prince and Govern^{r}: of Hien to be deliv'd as occasion Requires for ꝑcureing Liberty of departure, getting in y^{e}: Debts and compelling all the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Serv^{ts}: and English men to come away wth: you if you meet wth: orcan depend upon any such oppertunity advise us by all conveyance.

Whenever you come away there will probably [be] Severall of the Debts standing out lett a List thereof be deliver'd to the proper officer in order to a future Claim att our next Resetlem^{t}:

It concerns the Creditt of our nation y^{t}: the fflag of the ffactory fly before y^{r} departure and it will facilitate a resetlem^{t}: if the ground of ye ffactory can be Still Secured w^{ch}: if the King will grant you may leave the house in the hands of such as will for the use of itt keep it in Repair otherewise sell the Materialls for w^{t}: they will Yeild but upon these occasion it is not necessary that you Expend much money.

When you Remove bring all Englishmen M^{r}: Blackmore and M^{r}: James ought to have come wth: M^{r}: Keeling who could have given us a perfect Acco^{t}: of all transactions Relateing to the Junke in the managem^{t}: whereof M^{r}: Keeling did assume to himselfe the whole authority Grounded on y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: former letters, and tho M^{r}: Blackmore M^{r}: James, and others were concerned there in as Supra Cargos or otherewise yett the blame lyes upon y^{e}: first director.

We send you inclosed a Coppy of a Parragraph of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: lett^{r}: to us dat^{d}: 6th: March 1694/5 wherein you will understand their kind

intentions for his further imployment, notwithstanding the misfortune att Mallacca whereof they have heard we doe appoint him of Councill next to Mr: Watts, and in the absence of Mr: Watts to Succeed Cheife we alsoe appoint Mr: Richd: Hunt of Councill next to Mr: Blackmoor, and Mr: William Warren next to Mr: Hunt, and we hereby impower Mr: Watts Mr: Blackmoor Mr: Hunt and Mr: Warren to Act as Cheif and Council of the Rt: Honble: Compa: affaires.

When we send a Ship we shall send presents for the King &ca: and also 24 pecull of salt petre and 24 pecull of Brimstone in Returne of 20,000 Cash wch: Ungja Tophow delivered you as an adventure.

We know not how far any of you or others may have been concerned, or accotable for former mismanagemt: wch: may create an apprehension of being severely dealt with as guilt naturally produces fear of punishmt: and that puts men upon projects of Escape if there be any that for this Reason shall Refuse to come and shall chouse Rather to Expose themselves to the miserys of vagabonds life banished from their Country and nation, wee desire them to consider seriously what the Consequence will be, and then we doubt not, but that they will be of opinion that it is better to Referr themselves to the Rt: Honble: Compas: Goodness, wherein we shall give them as kind an assistance as the nature of things will bear and they Had better trust to us then involve themselves in Greater troubles.

We have this day heard a Report that Mr: ffarmer Recd: about 600 or 700 ps: Pelongs from a Dutchman a ffree Mercht: in Tonqueen, as an adventure for wch: he was to make Returnes by next ship Mr: ffarmer is now att ffort St: David & we cannot hear from him before this ship goes but you may assure the Concerned if he make any Enquiry or demand that We will call Mr: ffarmer to a strict accot: and cause him to deliver us the full produce of his adventure, wch: shall by the first be sent to Tonqueen or if it be not sent by a Ship it shall be made Good to his order here

Herewith we send you our letter to ye: ffrench Bishop Relateing to Mr: Keeling Goods money and paper supposed to be left in his Custody if the Bishop will comply wth: out application to the King itt is better if not you must take Such Course as shall appear most adviseable to compell him or others to deliver to you yt: you can gett and bring itt wth: you you will observe that we promise ye: Bishope you shall give him a Receipt wch: ought to be signed by you all and take good care of what you Receive yt: it may not be imbezeld or damaged.

If we cant send a ship this Year another Years Charge of the ffactory will Eat out your Stocke we therefore leave itt to you to Embrace any other oppertunity that shall offer for yr: comeing away And if any offer advise us thereof by all wayes of Conveyance we are

Yor: Affect: ffreinds

NATHLL: HIGGINSON
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT

1. Genll: lettr: to Tonqueen datd: 30th: May 1696
2. To ye: King of Tonqueen dated 2 June
3. To ye: Prince of Tonqueen . 2 do:
4. To Bishop Dawner att Tonqn: 2 : do :
5. Pargh: of the Genll: lettr: from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: datd: 6th: March 1694/5:

No. 58.

NATHANIEL HIGGINSON LIEUT^{T}: GENER^{LL}: FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: IN INDIA AND GOV^{R}: OF FORT ST. GEORGE ON Y^{E}: COAST OF CORMANDELL TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND INVINCIBLE PRINCE KING OF TONQUEEN

Wisheth health and Happiness.

MAY IT PLEASE YO^{R}: MAJESTY:

The R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: my masters finding the warrs in Europe soe great y^{t}: they could not for Sev^{ll}: Years to this time send out Small Ships fitt for the River of Tonqueen so that they cannot carry on their trade as formerly between England and Tonqueen wth: Creditt.

They have ordered me to call hither all their Serv^{ts}: and Concernes in order to the R^{t}: Understanding of the true State of their affaires, that when the warrs in Europe are Ended they may wth: Yo^{r}: Majesty Gratious permission Resetle a Greater trade in Yo^{r}: Maj^{ts}: Kingdome then heretofore, I doe therefore in the name and behalfe of my Honble: Masters Humbly beg of Yo^{r}: Majesty to Grant M^{r}: Richard Watts the English Chief (or in case of his mortality, his Successor) to come to me and bring wth: him all Serv^{ts}: and Goods of the Honble: Comp^{a}: and if any of the English shall Refuse, that Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: will pleas to order them to come wth: him least by disorderly behaviour such bade men bring discredit to my nation, and in Confidence of Yo^{r}: Maj^{ts}: Justice I further Request Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: will please to order that those who are Indebted to the Honble: Comp^{a}: may pay their Debts and y^{t}: those who keep the money which M^{r}: Keeling the late Cheife stole from the R^{t}: Honble: Company and committed to their Custody may be compelled to deliver the same to the ꝑsent Cheife, M^{r}: Keeling being now here a distracted man that can give no Rationall acco^{t}: of w^{t}: is become of his money writeing or acco^{ts}: and being by many years Experiance assured of Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: Good affection to the English Nation I presume further to beseech y^{r}: Maj^{ty}: that whereas about two years since, the ffiagg of the ffactory was by the ffault of one of our people openly torne and burnt to the great disgrace of our nation Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: will please according to Yo^{r} accustomed Generous favour to Strangers to order that before our people leave the place our fflagg may flye as formerly and that the Ground wherein our ffactory now stands may be Reserved in such hands as the Cheifs shall appoint till our Returne, Humbly Referring all to Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: Great wisdome and Goodness I Pray Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: to Continue y^{r}: Royall favour to

Yo^{r}: Maj^{ty}: most Hum^{ble}:
and obedient Servt:
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.

No. 59.

ffort S^{t}: George 2th: June 1696.

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND INVINCIBLE PRINCE OF TONQUEEN WHOME THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH FAVOUR AND HIS MAJ^{TY}: THE KING LOVES.

MAY IT PLEASE Y^{R}: HIGHNESS:

I have by this Conveyance writt to his Maj^{ty}: the King to lett him know y: by Reason of the Great Warrs in Europe y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: my masters could not wth: any safety send to India any but Great Ships such as are able to defend themselves in case they should meet wth: their Enemy, and that is the Reason I have not been able to send a ship Yearly to Tonqueen as fformerly for none but very small ships can Come into the River and there being no probability during the warrs of finding any means for me to serve his Maj^{ty}: Yo^{r}: Royall Father and

Your Highness as I ought and desire to doe I have Resolved for the Ꝑsent to send for my people, and all y^{r} : Concerns in Tonqueen hither that I may from them be informed how I may be Capable to serve his Maj^{ty} : and Yo^{r} : Highness when wee have peace I send your Highness this by way of Canton and Expect in a few dayes to gett a small Ship Ready to send to Tonqueen wth : such Goods as I hope may be for the service both of his Maj^{ty} : the King and Your Highness I humbly beg Your Highness would be pleased to order the Mandreens dispatch adores to assist M^{r} : Watts the English Cheife &c^{a} . to gett my money debts w^{ch} : are owen by your Subjects to the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Comp^{a} : my masters and when M^{r} : Watts y^{e} : English Cheife &c^{a} : comes away I humbly beg the Hon^{r} : of Yo^{r} : Highnesses Commands if there be any thing in England or these parts y^{t} : your Highness would have I shall not faile to gett it Ready to send your Highness so soon as the warrs are over and that we can by Yo^{r} : Highnesses favour Resettle our ffactory in Tonqueen, I Pray y^{r} : Highness to Continue your Royall favour to

Yo^{r} : Highnesses Most Hum^{ble} :
and obedient Servt :
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

Fort S^{t} : George 2th : June 96.

No. 60.

ffort S^{t} : George 2th June 96.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS BISHOP DAUNER AT TONQUEEN.

Whereas the late dec^{d} : Gen^{ll} : S^{r} ; John Goldsborough and Councill of ffort S^{t} : George being informed of the many miscariages of M^{r} : W^{m} : Keeling late Cheife of Tonqueen did by virtue of the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Comp^{a} : ord^{rs} : send by the Ship Pearle in the Year 1693 M^{r} : Rich^{d} : Watts Cheife and M^{r} : Rich^{d} : ffarmer to Enquire into the State of affaires in Tonqueen and to demand and Receive from M^{r} : Keeling all the R^{t} ; Honble : Comp^{a} : Concernes, wth : power to call M^{r} : Keeling to Acco^{t} : and to send him hither butt M^{r} : Watts &c^{a} : informe us by their Severall letters that att their arrivall att the ffactory of Tonqueen M^{r} : Keeling had Removed from thence not onely his Goods money and Necessarys ; but all his bookes and papers and that when they came to Examine the Acco^{ts} : of the ffactory they found wanting many Bookes Papers Bills and Acco^{ts} : Relateing to the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Affairs w^{ch} : M^{r} : Keeling allwayes Refused to deliver to y^{m} : desireing his stay there and that M^{r} : Keeling had imbezeld of the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Estate above 12,000 tal[e] when M^{r} : Keeling arrived here in Decemb^{r} : last wee demanded of him the said Bookes and Papers he answered that he hath brought none with him but left them in Tonqueen we have also demanded Satisfaction for the Great Sum of money w^{ch} : he hath imbezled, but he answered that he hath not brought a Cash wth : him but hath Left all that he had in the hands of such Ꝑsons as will not deliver it to his own ord^{r} : unless he goe himselfe to demand it and Whereas M^{r} : Keeling being Vix compos mentis cannot give us any Rationall acco^{t} : of his actions nor will not yett comply wth : any Reasonable terms onely declareth that he has left all in Yo^{r} : hands whereof we are otherwise informed now wee the Liv^{t} : Gen^{ll} : for affairs of the R^{t} : Honble : East [Ind]ia Comp^{a} : in India and the Councill of Fort S^{t} : George doe in y^{e} : name and behalfe of the s^{d} : Comp^{a} : desire and demand you will please to deliver unto M^{r} : Richard Watts Cheife &c . Councill or the Cheif and Councill for the time being at Tonqueen well sealed all the money Goods Bookes Papers Bill Acco^{t} . and every thing whatsoever belonging to the s^{d} : Mr Keeling w^{ch} : he left in Yo^{r} : hands or what you have in Yo^{r} : Custody for all w^{ch} : the s^{d} : Cheife and Councill are order'd to Give you Receipt w^{ch} : Receipt we hereby declare to be Yo^{r} : Sufficient discharge and if you shall Refuse to deliver the aforesaid as Requested we doe hereby declare you are att all times and places Responsible to the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Company and their Representation in India as well for the

Value of all things Detained in Yo^{r}: Custody as for the Damage w^{ch}: may arrise by Reason of Yo^{r}: detaining them but not doubting of Your Ready complyance wth: our so Reasonable and Just demand we Remaine.

Yo^{r}: very Ready ffreinds

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ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 61.

ffORT S^{T}: GEORGE P^{MO}: JUNE 96.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: MATT: MILDMAY
DEP^{TY}: GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT YORKE FORT.

On the 2^{d}; Aprill the Mary Bowyer arrived wth: M^{r}: Barwell and M^{r}: Butterfeild M^{r} ffleetwood Kenned Emett and 3 Topassees and brought us Yo^{r}: Gen^{ll}; Letter Dat^{d}: 10th: ffeb^{ry} wth: the Severall bookes and Papers according to list whereby we Gladly observe the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}; affaires are so well Settled, and our former Directions so well observed that in sted of censure the usuall Style of fformer letters we find Reason to approve and Commend any little matter of further directions tis Yo^{r}: part to ℘secute the Methods settled wth: due Consideration and industry itt is however Requisite to give an answer to severall ℘ticulars in Yo^{r}: letter.

2: Soe long as Liv^{t}: Delgardner Continues delligent and servisable in his Employ as Liv^{t}: and overseer of the Coffreys, lett him have due countenance, and Encouragement but we Expect that he pay all due respect to his Superiours.

3: The managem^{t}: and Employm^{t}: of the Coffreys is a matter of vast importance to the Emprovement of the place they cost a Great Sum̃e for their purchass but more for their maintenance, this being a constant Charge Requires a Constant Employ in some thing benefitiall besides their worke on Charges ffortifications and Merchandize.

4. Upon M^{r}: ffleetwoods arrivall we have demanded of him the ballance of his Acco^{t}: as Stated at York ffort, w^{ch}: he disownes and finding him persist in his usuall practice of Evasive pretences we have caused an Action to be Entred against him in the Court of Admiralty that he may be there compelld to give a ℘ticular answer to every article of his acco^{t}: we will not now perjudge him but if the matters shall prove so bad as they seem at ℗sent, we will transmitt to you the whole State and adjudication of the cause that the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}; Serv^{ts}; wth: you may not be onely satisfied wth: y^{e}: Reasonableness of our proceedings but be causioned from ffollowing so ill an Example, the information you had of his ℘vate mischevious practices was sufficient Reason for secureing him on board the Amety to ℗vent the Effect.

5: M^{r}: Butterfeild hath finished the [P]riamon[g] Bookes but they will not be Coppyed time Enough for this conveyance, Inclosed is y^{e}: Coppy of the Remains of Bookes C: by w^{ch}: Books D: may be carryed on.

6: Wee have sent you another Supply of Garden seeds wth: Docter Browns directions for the planting of some of them.

7: You did well in Returning us Superfluous Stores &c^{a}: and in keeping the Damage Tappais for the use of the Slaves.

8 : Wee have sent you as full a supply of the desired stores provissions Goods for Presents as this place affords, and shall take care that you shall be ℘ticularly supplyed wth : Bengall Arrack Yearly and Silver fanams whereof we have now sent.

9. You have taken a very proper method for the increase of Pepper in oblidgeing the Proarteens to plant, and allowing Raja Mooda ½ Dollar ℘ Bahar if he brings 1000 Bahar and if the same method were used wth : some of the Rajas of [P]ryamong itt would doubtless promote the procureing of Pepper and we thinke itt not necessary to insist so strict upon the Exact quantity of 1000 Bahar, either wth : Raja Moode or others if they bring but halfe the quantity promised they will pretend some Reasons of a disapointment and demand the allowance, and if you doe not know apparent Reason to the Contrary you may for the first Year or two allow y^{m} : ¼ Doller but if it be very near the full quantity lett them have the ½ Dollar.

10. Wee have sent you 10 Cattle for a breed spare no cost that is necessary for the presarvation, and increase of Cattle and Hoggs the Cattle now sent are of the largest size the Country affords and will be very fitt for the Plough.

11. M^{r} : Betts as you observe has Delt very desingeniouslly and unworthly hee knows as well as we that he went onely to bring up the Books and state the Acco^{t} : at the West Coast, for w^{ch} ; he was promised a gratuity, and part paid him before he went & promise made him that When that business was done he should Returne and be second of one of the ffactorys on this Coast. It happened by mortality contrary to our intentions, and his own Expectation the Goverm^{t} : fell upon him before it could be otherwise supplyed besides that surley humore, w^{ch} ; he hath discovered in a sullen neglect, and refusall to ℘fect that necessary Service he had begune there is another reason w^{ch} : we forbear to mention, but is not unknown to himselfe that Renders him unfitt for Goverm^{t} : there is not wth:standing what hear he dos, Clamorusely complain of our breach of promiss it is not convenient that a person soe unreasonably discontent should continue there and therefore lett him Returne by the first oppertunity and give him timely notice that he may not ℘tend a necessity of Stay for getting in his debts &c^{a} :

12. The 5 Coffrey boys sent us by the Mary Boyer are thus Employed Viz^{t} : two under the Carpenter two under the Bricklay^{r} : and one under the Smith and w^{n} : they are perfeted in their trade will be Returned to York ffort to instruct others.

13. The 34 Parg^{h} : of your letter contains an objection against the keeping of Rain water in Jarrs because it will putrefie wth : standing but if the new spring you have found out doe not answer y^{r} : Expectation and you cannot find another Good one you need not scruple the use of Raine water, for tho it be true, it will putrefy yett it will in time purge it selfe & become sweet, tho it be keept in the same Jarr, on the Sediment and in short^{r} time if itt be drawne of (by a Crane or hand Pumpe or otherwise clear of its sediment, from one Jarr to another w^{ch} : the greatest Critiets in water have approved before all other kinds.

14. Tho you have found other worke for y^{e} : Coffrey as ℘sent more necessary then clearing the Bambo Swamp and cutting the Ditch to draine y^{e} : moorish Ground Either into the Sea or River yett w^{n} : ever you can spare the Coffreys for those services they must not be forgotten there being nothing Really more Conducive to the Healthfullness pleasantness and Profitt of the place.

15. The dispatch of the London ffrigatt and Amety for England wth : 684 Bahar of Pepper will be very acceptable to the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} ; and Esteemed as an Earnest of better improvement.

16. Wee ordered a small Sloope to be sent you from ye Bay but whether that comes or [not] we intend to Send you another in Octob^{r} : next soe that you may allways have one upon the Coast.

17. Haveing formerly Debted your Acco^{t} : for wages due to Ship Satisfaction Amo^{t} : Pag^{s} : 1456 : 29 supposing that sev^{ll} : tho then absent would in time appear and demand their pay we have given y^{u} : Credit ffor Pag^{s} : 119 : 25 the amount of the wages yet unpaid.

18. Our Present Aime, and Interest is to secure Yorke ffort and [P]ryamong and the Pepper Growing between them, and their dependancies.

19. Arcus the Dubash whome you found Reason to dismisse him for his Exzaction, being gone to Batavia ought never to Returne and the suspition yu : had of his holding a Correspondance there is a caution of admitting any into such services, as keep their family there.

20. Wee have discharged all the Bills you drew upon us amounting to 6422 Roylls : at the Rate of 17 Roylls : ℘ 10 pags : as usuall.

21. Wee have perused Yor : Genll : letter to the Rt : Honble : Compa : Datd : 29th : Octobr : last wch : gives ym : a perticular Accot : of the state of their affairs att that time as we hope to their Satisfaction, the proposall made them for the advancing the Toppassees pay ½ Dollar ℘ mensem seems to be Grounded on so Good Reason that we dont doubt their Honrs : approbation in confidence whereof, and in consideration of the Great sum wch : will be Yearly saved by that small addition we order you to pay the Toppassees from the Receipt hereof 2 Dollars ℘ mens as Sentinalls pay, and as your number of Toppassees doe increase you may lessen the number of the Buggessees by degrees.

22. The Success of the Treates wth : the Empr : Prince, and Rajas hath Exceeded our Expectation, Sulton Guillimot Raja Addill Raja Macoota and the Mandreens seem to be as firmly united both to the Rt : Honble : Compa : and among themselves as they can be by oath Contract, and Interest and so long as they can be kept true to that union, and Contract, there is a good prospect of secureing all the pepper from Mandutta to Bencoolen or at least from [P]ryamang to Bencoolen ; but whatever the ℘ sent appearance is considering the unstable and wavering humore of those people it is best to think off, and provide against ye : variety of accidents wch : may happen.

23. It is not to be supposed, but that the Empr as he never was a true friend, is now a professed Enemy and [will] use his utmost indeavours to break the union either by Pollecey or force against wch : there is but one Genll : Remedy that a right understanding be kept between Raja addill and Raja Macoota, and matters carryed so indefferently towards both that neither of them may be jealous that the others is more favoured then himselfe Raja Addill by the history of the Transactions att Mandutta seem to have the Greater Interest among the Mandreens and proarteens and Mr : Frith ought to use a great caution that he doe not disoblidge him by favouring Raja Macoota too much openly and Raja Macoota wth : the Young Sultan seem to be the most firmly bound to the Rt : Honble : Compa : by their own Interest having no other ffreind.

16th : June.

24. Wee shall not cease to put you in mind of Carrying on the Ditch to the Sea, till we hear it is finished it is so necessary for Clearing the Ground to Render it both Emprouable and healthy that it ought to be done as soon as possibly you can, and all the Ground Round the fort cultivated.

25. Wee have delayed the sending of this ship for some time, that we may send you Yor : Genll : Bookes three pair of [P]ryamong and two pair of York Fort come herewth : finished by Mr : Butterfeild the stating of the Accot : Currt : could not be done time enough to bring into the Ballance, but it comes apairt wch : you may adjust in Yor : next Bookes.

26. By this Ship comes Mr : James Leigh Entertained to serve as Gunner at York ffort, or [P]ryamong (at the usuall pay of those places) according as you shall find occasion we think he may be usefull at York ffort, & design him for that imploymt : being a ℘son of good abilityes, but doubting whether Levt : Delgardner, and he may accord in one place being both too hasty) we oblidgd : him to serve in the other place if you shall see occasion.

27. The Dutch Price of Pepper (mentioned in the 43 Pargh : of your letter to us) 4 pes : longcloth or 7 ps : Sallampores for a Bahar of 637ll : is equall to 11 Dollars ℘ Bahar of 500ll : lon[g]cloth being valued at 70 Dollars ℘ Corge 4 ps : is 14 Dollars the Difference of the weight is equall to the difference in the price but the

Pepper being Rec^{d} : at Bencoolen at 560^{ll} : to the bahar it is necessary to lower the Price of Cloth or advance the price of pepper, to Encourage the Mallayes to bring it to us Rather y^{n} : to the Dutch therefore lett the longcloth be sold at 65 Dollars ꝑ Corge, and other Goods proportionable Viz^{t} : for Dollars but in Exchange for Pepper at 60 Dollars there will be no occasion as you will observe to limitt the price to privatt traders so long as Yo^{r} : Godowns are free and open to all buyers that will Govern the Price.

28. M^{r} : Kennedy doth affirme to us that in y^{e} : Year 1692 he Rec^{d} : all the pepper he bought at [P]ryamong by a measure, w^{ch} : held out but 500^{ll} : to the Bahar and that the meas^{e} : was not then Settled by M^{r} : Frith by w^{ch} : Good Sound Pepper weighd 635^{ll} : to the bahar but some tryall made by M^{r} : Barwell the weight differs 20 : 30 or 40^{ll} : in a bahar according to y^{e} : quality of the pepper w^{ch} : when it comes to be Rec^{d} : in Bencoolen by weight makes a difference in Acco^{ts} : and Casts a short weight upon [P]ryamong ffactory, w^{ch} : he thinks may be the Cause of Charging 21 Bahar Pepper to M^{r} : Frith acco^{t} : for short weight and if it be true, M^{r} : Frith ought to be allowed it if the Mallays can be induced to deliver their Pepper by weight, it will be more certaine then the measure and y^{e} : acco^{ts} : will better accord, and if they scruple the weight of 637½^{ll} : it is better to take 620^{ll} : or 600^{ll} : but if they will not Consent lett them goe on wth : their Measures and y^{t} : you may have a Check upon [P]ryamong lett there be a [P]ryamong Measure kept att Bencoolen, by w^{ch} : all the pepper w^{ch} : comes from thence may be measured, as well as weigh'd and the difference noted.

29. Lett the Sillabar Paggar be Removed from the Rivers mouth to the place of shipping of Pepper to prevent its ꝑvate Exportation.

30. Wee herewith send a Coppy of the China Smith Bill of worke amount to Dollars 71 : 3 : 1 w^{ch} : M^{r} : Kennedy says was not produced by him to M^{r} : Barwell att York ffort being forgott and that the worke was done in the time of M^{r} : Hawthorne being Storekeeper and that neither M^{r} : Hawthorn nor he have brought any part of the Bill to acco^{t} : Except a few ꝑticulars amo^{t} : to Ry^{lls} : 6 : 1 : for private Persons for w^{ch} : M^{r} : Kennedy Rec^{d} : y^{e} : money so that M^{r} : Kennedy claims Creditt for Ry^{lls} : 65 : 2 : 1 : lett this matter be Examined and acquaint us how you find it Inclosed is a list of his Debt att Bencoolen w^{ch} : he hath empowered Docter Coote to dem^{d} : and Receive assist him therein, and you may draw bills upon us at the usuall Rate, for w^{t} : he or any other ꝑsons pay into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Cash.

31. Inclosed is a Direction for makeing Tarras Chinom, the Necessary Ingredients goe by the Ship.

32. There comes 6 Europe Sould^{rs} : and 14 Toppassees whereof Serj^{t} : Pritcherd is one and take place among the Serj^{ts} : according to his Standing and Peter Perrara is appointed Corporall of the Toppassees and to be continued so long as he behaves himselfe well, but in case of his misdeameners apoint another fitter.

33. The ship brings lead and Redwood to be continued for Bengall.

34. M^{r} : Barwell having discharged his Comission to so Great Satisfaction, we think our selves oblidged to make Good a ꝑmiss made him when he went from hence y^{t} : he should have Some Encouraging ꝑviledge of Pepper freight free wee therefor order you to ꝑmitt his Corespondant to lade on the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Ships Either to this place or Bengall freight free 80 Bahar Viz^{t} : when it is no injury or hinderance to the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : business.

35. M^{r} : Barwell brought a muster of Quilt Cassia w^{ch} : we Returne to you He informs us that it is brought down from Corinth and bought att [P]ryamong at the Rate of about 15 Dollars ꝑ Bahar w^{ch} : is Extraordinary Cheap send the Muster to M^{r} : Frith, and order him, to buy all that he cane gett & to Encourage the bringing it he may give to 20 Dollars ꝑ bahar, as occasion Requires it must be small, the Smaler the better and y^{t} : w^{ch} : turns into the form of a Quill and if any Gross be mixed wth : it it must be thrown by being worth nothing.

36. Among the Sould^{rs} : is one Boatswain whom having found to be very fitt for business, you are to Entertain him as a writer att his arrivall att writers Sallary hee hath Rec^{d} : 7 Pag^{s} : Advance to be deducted from his Sallary we had provided another fitt ꝑson but he is lately taken sick and cannot now proceed.

37. Inclosed is the Coppy of Sev^{ll} : Parg^{h} : of the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Letters to us dat^{d} : 6 March 9/45 containing directions to be observed by you w^{ch} : you are to fill, that we need not add there unto in the 54th : Parg^{h} : their Hon^{rs} : appoint M^{r} : W^{m} : Blunt (who takes his Passage to you by this ship) Second of York ffort but in consideration of M^{r} : Darleys being before sent from hence, under a promise of Enjoying that station for w^{ch} : we Esteem him a very fitt ꝑson and M^{r} : Blunt readily accepting the station of third, we order M^{r} : Darley to continue second and M^{r} : Blunt third of Councill untill the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : pleasure is known concerning M^{r} : Darley whose Entertainment was advised their Hon^{rs} : by the London ffrigatt and if in the mean time there shall happen a vacancy in the Governm^{t} : by mortality, we hereby order that M^{r} : Blunt succeed, because we cannot put any man not Entertained by themselves into y^{t} : Station wth : out the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Express order, or ꝑmission while there are other of their own Covenanted Serv^{ts} : Capable.

38. Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Ladeing for w^{t} : laden on this ship amo^{t} : Pag^{s} : 22346 : 30 : 1 : wth : list of Sould^{rs} : and the ship Charterparty lett her bee dispatch'd to Bengall by the 15th : Sep^{r} : at the farthest wth : as much Pepper as can be ꝑcured, and laden by y^{t} : time, but you must not keep her later, upon no Acco^{t} : whatsoever, least she should not arrive time Enough in Bengall to be dispatched for England.

39. Consider well what the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : have directed Relateing to the Encouragem^{t} : of Chinamen if you shall find any to be trusted wth : a loan of money for carrying on the planteing and makeing of Sugar &c^{a} : you may contract wth : them to take of all they shall make wth : in a Year two or three at very encouraging price tho it be as dear as you can buy from other parts : we are

Yo^{r} : Affection^{t} : Freinds

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOM^{S} : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

Inclosed are two lett^{rs} : from y^{e} : Lev^{t} : Gen^{ll} : one to Sulton Guillimot and Raja Macoota another to Raja Addill Sealed and their Copys w^{ch} : mention Presents to be delivered them by M^{r} : Frith you will find by the Invoice that we have sent you those things w^{ch} : you advised ꝑper for Presents, out of w^{ch} : lett a present for Each be made up as you Judge fitest, & send wth : the lett^{r} :

M^{r} : ffleetwoods Cash book Chargeth [P]ryamong ffactory wth : 1200 Dollars (sent by M^{r} : Duke 28th : Oct^{r} : 1693) M^{r} : Frith Cash book Creditts York ffort onely wth : 600 Dollars Rec^{d} : by Bencoolen sloop in Decem^{r} : 1693 M^{r} : Duke must Acco^{t} : for the Remaining 600 Doll^{rs} : in the mean time it is charged to his acco^{t} : in the [P]ryamong Bookes l̃re : B : M^{r} : ffleetwoods affirming that these stand George Duke Rec^{t} : paid in the Receipt booke.

The London ffrigott and Amitys Cargoss were omitted to be Entred in the Acco^{ts} : of Remains taken ultimo June 1695 there are a few bales Entred w^{ch} : were taken ashoar the Rest are also now Entred by M^{r} : Butterfeild in the Acct^{t} : Remains of the Gen^{ll} : Bookes H alsoe you will find in the said bookes wheat and fanams w^{ch} :

were omitted to be Entred in Yo^{r} Acco^{t} : Remains now Ent^{d} : in Acco^{t} : Difference by mistake they ought to have been Ent^{d} in the Accot^{t} : Remains and must be Rectefied in Yo^{r} : Rest Bookes.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T} : TO YORK FFORT

No 1. Gen^{ll} : lre : Dat^{d} : the 1st : & 16th : June 1696 :
2. Directions for the planting of Garden Seeds.
3. Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : Fort S^{t} : George wth : Pryaman Settlem^{t} :
4. York ffort Journall Ledger Lre : C. comencing ꝑmo May 93 Ending the 31 July 1694.
5. D^{o} : Journall & ledger lre : H comencing ꝑm^{o} : Aug^{t} : 94 Ending 30th June 95.
6. [P]ryamong ledger & Jour^{ll} : lre A comencing ꝑm^{o} : Nov^{r} : 91 : Ending 30th : April 93.
7. D^{o} : Journall & ledg^{r} : Lre : B : comencing ꝑm^{o} May 93 Ending 31st : July 94.
8. D^{o} : Jour^{ll} : & Ledg^{r} : Lre G : comencing ꝑm^{o} : Aug^{t} : 94 Ending 30th : June 95.
No : 9. China Black Smiths Acco^{t} :
10. Hugh Kennedy his list of Debts owing him
11 Directions for makeing Tarras Chinam
12. A muster of Quil Cossia
13. Cop^{s} : of Sev^{ll} : Parg^{hs} : of the R^{t} : Honble : Compa^{s} : lre Dat^{d} : y^{e} : 6 March 1694 Relateing to York ffort.
14. Invoice of Ship ffleet ffrigat
15. Bill of Ladeing of D^{o} :
16. List of ffreight Goods laden on Ditto
17. Stewards Acco^{t} : Provisions Laden on Do :
18. List of Sould^{rs} : wth : Acco^{t} : Wages paid them
19. Ship ffleet ffriggats Charterp^{ty} : to be sent wth : the Ship to Bengall.
20. Receipt to make Inke
21. Lre : to Raja Addill
22. Letter [to] Sulta[n] Guillimot and Raja Macoota
23. Coppyes of Ditto letters.

No. 62.

FFORT S$_{T}$: GEORGE 5TH JUNE 96

TO THE W^{LL} : MATT : MILDMAY ESQ^{R} :
DEPUTY GOV^{R} : & COUNCILL ATT YORK FFORT

This is recommended to M^{r} : Richard Phrip Mast^{r} : of Brigantine Acheen Merch^{t} : for conveyance onely to Acquaint you that M^{r} : Barwell &c^{a} : arrived on the 2th : Aprill, and brought wth : him Yo^{r} : lett^{r} : bookes and Papers according to the list of the Pacquett. The ffleet ffrigat Capt : John Mary Commander of 300 Tons is Ready to ꝑceed for York Fort, and will bring you provisions, Cattle, and Stores wrote for a Sufficient Stocke of money some assistants, and Sould^{rs} : she stays for y^{e} : finishing the Gen^{ll} : bookes of York Fort, & [P]ryamong w^{ch} : M^{r} : Butterfeild brought wth : him, which will be sent you Ballanceed and Coppied.

The ffleet ffrigat is to proceed from York ffort to Bengall, w^th : as much pepper as you can procure w^th : out keeping the ship to long. we are

Yo^r Affect : ffreinds
NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^R : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 63.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE 5th : JUNE 1696

TO THE HON^BLE : LAURENCE PITT COUNCILL^R : EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA GOV^R : OF NEGAPATAM &C^A : AFFAIRS OF THE R^T : HON^BLE : NETHERLANDS EAS[T] INDIA COMP^A :

This day arrived a Ketch from Bombay w^ch : brought me a letter dat^d : 18th : May adviseing that the 5 ffrench ships passed by Commodore Huntons Fleet near Suratt Rivers mouth on the 17th Aprill in the night they Gott noe Goods from Suratt, but a few Atlasses, Cutanees, and Cassas but whither they are Gone is not knowne.

I have Rec^d : no Europe news Except w^t : is contained in the inclosed coppyes of news Papers I know not how far they may be Credited, because the news from Bussara differs from that of Allippo Relateing to the Grand Signior, and S^t : Malloes, I doubt not but Your Hon^r : will Suddainly Receive more certaine advices by Yo^r : own Europe Ships in the mean time I remaine

Yo^r : Hon^r : very Affect^t :
ffreind and Hum^ble : Servt :
NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.

No. 64.

TO M^R : WILLIAM SOAMES CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH NATION IN ACHEEN.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE 15TH : JUNE 96.

In the 11th : Ins^t : att night Seaven English men Runaway w^th : the Ketch Josiah belonging to the R^t : Honble : Comp^a : from this Road by all the Enquiry we can make, we cannot gain any intelligence to what part or upon w^t : designe they are gone but we conclude their designe is Piracy and that they will Encrease their number so soon as they can for w^ch : Reason it Seems probable that they may goe to Acheen to gather up the Stragl^rs : there fitt for their purpose, we take this 1st : oppertunity to give you this notice, and desire and order you to use y^r : utmost diligence and Endeavours to apprehand y^m : if possible, and we will Reimburse you all necessary charg^s :

If you meet w^h : an oppertunity of sec[ur]eing them and the Ketch lett them and the Ketch be sent to us, if possible, or to Bombay that order may be taken for their bringing away.

Inclosed is a list of the mens names and description of the Ketch that you may know them Capt^t : Bakar whom they had left ashore say's he had left aboard all his orders, w^ch : he had Rec^d : from the Gen^ll : and a pacquet from his Ex^cy : for Bengall (whither they were bound from hence) and that they have the Kings Colours aboard, w^ch : probably they will abuse to Serve their designs.

Wee shall by a ship bound hence Suddenly for Mallaca give notice to the Govr: of Mallaca However as you have an oppertunity you may also send him the necessary advice and give notice to all Dutch and English ships

We are

Nath^{ll}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
W^{m}: Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Rog^{r}: Braddyll.
Charl[e]s Barwell.
Thos: Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 65.

ffort S^{t}: George 17th: June 1696

Nath^{ll}: Higginson Esqr: Liev^{t}: Gen^{ll}:
for affairs of the R^{t}: Honble: English East
India Comp^{a} and Govern^{r} : of fort S^{t}: George,
To Sultan Guillimot and Raja Macoota.

I have Rec^{d}: your letter by w^{ch}: I gladly understand that M^{r}: Barwell hath Settled the Country to your Sattisfaction, if you continue true to the Contract made wth: the Honble: Comp^{a}: and preserve the agreem^{t}: made wth: Raja Addill, both w^{ch}: I well approve and Confirme it is certaine that the old Emp^{r}: and the Dutch can never doe you any Great injury tho they may some times give you a littte trouble by the help of Treacherous people I am makeing a sword to be carryed before Sultan Guillimot w^{ch}: I will send by the first opportunity, in the mean time I desire you both to accept of a small Present w^{ch}: I have ordered M^{r}: Frith to deliver and to discourse you further about the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: business perticularly for the Encouragement of the planting of Pepper I have taken Good order for the buying of all y^{t}: the Country will afford for w^{ch}: the people may Receive Either Dollars of longcloth at 60 Dollars ꝑ Corge and other Good[s] proportionally Cheap by this Good agreem^{t}: I hope the Country will now florish, and all people be Content, under Your prudent, and Just Goverm^{t}:

Nath^{ll}: Higginson

No. 66.

To Raja Addill.

Being informed by M^{r}: Frith, and others that the old Emperour had brought a great trouble and confusion upon the Country I sent M^{r}: Barwell to Enquire into and settle all affairs by whome I understand the Contract you have made with the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: and the agreem^{t}: w^{t}: Sultan Guillimot and Raja Macoota w^{ch}: I confirme and if you continue true to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: and keep a good agreem^{t}: with Sultan Guillimot, and Raja Macoota you need not fear all the power and peacherouscy [*sic*] Either of Sultan Mahomot Shaw or the Dutch I have ordered M^{r}: ffrith to deliver you a small ꝑsent as a token of ffreindship w^{ch}: I desire you to accept it is a pitty that so brave a Country should lye barren, and not halfe Emproved, lett the people plant pepper I will take care that our people shall buy it all, and they may have Dollars or Longcloth at 60 Dollar ꝑCorge and other Goods proportionably cheap I hope in time by Yo^{r}: prudent management the Country will flowrish, & the people be content quiet and happy, and Yo^{r}: fame, and ourFreindship Endure for Ever.

Nath^{ll}: Higginson.

To CAPT : JOHN MERRY
COMR : OF SHIP FFLEET FRIGATT

No. 67

Haveing laden what designed for York ffort, we order you on Receipt hereof to Repair aboard your ship and wth : the first oppertunity of wind and weather make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the port of York ffort Bencoolen where when arrived you are to deliver our Pacqt : Directed to the Depty : Govr : &ca : Councill for affairs of the Rt : Honble : English East India Compa : whose orders you are to ffollow for yor : unloading ladeing and further proceeding we wish you a good voyage, and Date this in ffort St : George this 19th : June 1696.

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 68

FFORT St : GEORGE 20TH JUNE 1696

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIT : OF FORT ST : GEORGE AND GOVR : OF FORT
ST : DAVID &CA : COUNCILL AT FORT ST : DAVID.

Our last was the 2d : past we have yrs of the 23d : 28th : 30th : Do : and 5th : Inst : to answere we have and Shall pay the Sevll : Bills you have drawne on us as due Vizt :

To Capt : Hartop	Pages :	80
To Batson Person		150
To Capt : Medcalfe & Compa : . . .		178 : 18
To Thomas Wright		500 :
To Alvero Deffonseca & Compa : . .		496 : 1 : 4
To Samuell Glover		400 :
To Robt : Masfen		271 : 3 :

You may continue to draw bills upon us as oppertunity offers haveing more Cash then we know how to Employ.

Since Yor: Marchts : Refuse to take more then 2000 pags : for an Investment, you will have a stock lye dead The Southern Boats will now be comeing wth : Paddy you may buy up 2000 or 3000 Pags : as it comes in by land or sea, faster then the Daily Markett, and lay it up as well for a store, as to the Govern the price, we have laid up about 100 Garse Paddy and 40 Garse Rice and buy more as it comes by land Paddy hath hetherto Sold at about 20 Marcall ℘ Pag : the fear of the Marrata Army comeing to Rob the Country hath induced the Farmers to bring their Paddy hither in Considerable quantityes for sale, and tho we have never sett the Price of the sea Paddy that it should not be sold dearer then 20 : and that has Govern'd the other till now the land paddy fails us and thereupon the Sea Paddy hath Resson 2 or 3 Pags : a Garce.

The Supernumerary Souldrs : may continue wth : you till the End of the Southerly monsoon, and then you may send them to us and in the northerly monsoon we can at any time send them to you by sea if occasion Requires tho you cannot then send them to us.

Wee have heard of [differences] between Ramaraja Santogee Goorapa, and Donogee Detta, but it is difficult to understand whether they are Grounded on any Real occasion, or pretended for the better Carrying on of their designs against

the Moors we have Repeated advices from the Camp of another army comeing to the Nabobs assistance other[s] say a new Nabob in his Room and that he is called away by the King but our intelligence is uncertain.

Upon Consideration of the Abstract of Govr : Pitts lett^{r} : to the Dutch Cheife of Tegnapa^{m}: whereby it appears that Coole Chitte is protected by the order of Negapatam wee have wrote a Letter to the Govr : &c^{a} : of Negapatam w^{ch}: comes inclosed under a flying seale for your ꝑusall, when an answer comes you may open it, and take a Coppy for your own ꝑusall, and then send it forward to us upon the Receipt whereof if they doe not deliver Coola Chitte, we will put an End to the controversy, by a formall protest.

The ffleet ffrigatt this day sails for Bencoolen, the Josia Ketch was Carryed out of the Road by three of her men, and 4 other English whither Gone or design'd we cannot tell but sopposing it probable they may goe to Acheen, we have wrote a lett^{r} : to M^{r} : Soams to Endeavour their Seizure w^{ch} : comes inclosed, to be sent by the first oppertunity there being no ship bound from hence to Acheen.

We take notice of the Balls, and Pepp^{r}: you have Ready to Send by the King W^{m}: and the small addition of 2000 Pag^{s} : w^{ch} : your Merch^{ts}: have undertaken Pray fail not to lett us know how many Bales we may depend upon in the latt^{r}: end of August or begining of Septemb^{r} : after you have dispatched the King W^{m}: we are

Yo^{r} : very Affec^{t}: Freinds

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 69.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 17TH : JUNE 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : LAURENCE PITT COUN^{R} : EXT^{R} :
OF INDIA & GOVERN^{R}: OF NEGAPATAM & COAST
OF CORMANDELL &C^{A} : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T} : HON^{BLE} ; NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY.
HON^{BLE} : S^{R} : &C^{A} :

Haveing Rec^{d} : Sev^{ll} : Lett^{rs} : from y^{e} : Govern^{r} : and Councill of Fort S^{t} : David Relateing to the complaint of the Chingee Goldsmith against one Cooley Chitte and Considereing the Reasons upon w^{ch}: they Grounded their proceedings we did not doubt but that at length the Cheife &c^{a}: Councill for y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Netherlands East India Comp^{a} : att Tegnapatam would have acqueessed therein, and permitt the Crimanall to Suffer Justice according to the Sentence given by the Govr : and Councill, and therefore hoped there would not be any occasion for us to trouble y^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : in that affaire but upon the ꝑusall of the abstract of a lett^{r} : from the Honble : Govern^{r} : Pitt to y^{r} : Cheife &c^{a} : of Tegnapatam dat^{d} : 28th : May past, we find therein (if it be translated to us aRight) the Honble : Govern^{r} : Pitts Resolution, that the said Coola Chitte the Criminall cannot be delivered to our Marshall att ffort S^{t} : David to Suffer the punishment Senttenced by our Govr : &c^{a} : Councill, because he being a subject of the R^{t} : Honble : Netherlands East India Comp^{a} : cannot by ancient Right Granted by the Rules of the land be tryed before any other Court of Judicature then yor : own and that the Criminall be transported to Pollicherry where you have full power to Exercise all manner of punishm^{t} : that he may be there punished to the Satisfaction of the complainer, so as to force the English from any further complaints and that you will take the difference to your Comp^{a} : Acco^{t} : so that the English need not fear any trouble that may arise from thence.

Wee would most Readily concede to any thing w^{ch}: the Honble: Govr: Pitt Resolves or offers, as a method of accomodation, so far as consist wth: Right in so essentiall a matt^{r}: as that of Judicature and that your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may the better discerne our sincerity we pray you will please to consider with us the following ꝑticulars w^{ch}: we apprehand doe containe the state of the cause wherein if we Resite any thing amisse or omitt any materiall Circumstance, we shall willingly Receive Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Correction.

1. The complaining Goldsmiths are not Inhabitants within the bounds of Tegnapatam, but of [...] Belonging to Ramraja and are not onely his Subjects, but known to him by perticular Service in the way of their trade, and therefore probably will be heard if they complaine.

2. If Ju[s]tice be not done them doubtless they will complaine because the Injury and disgrace suffered is so great and Notorious.

3. The Criminall Colla Chitte is an Indian inhabitant within the bounds of Tegnap^{m}: Employ'd by the Dutch Cheife &c^{a}: as one of their Merch^{ts}.

4. The said Goldsmiths complain'd to y^{e}: Govr: of ffort S^{t}; David against Coolee Chitte that he had disgrased them by Debauching in Grosse manner one of their wives comitted to his care as a freind hee advised them to try if the Dutch Cheife would doe them justice to their Satisfaction but after a tryall made they Returned and Complained againe.

The Govern^{r}: in a friendly manner acquainted the Dutch Cheife with the compla^{t}: that he might accomodate the matt^{r}: privately; and desired him to prevent y^{e}: complainers further prosecution but the Goldsmith Rec^{d}: no Satisfaction (y^{e}: Reason whereof are best known to those who were concerned to see it given him) and Repeated his complaint by a Petition to the Govr: and Councill in writeing setting forth the ꝑticular crimes committed by Colla Chittee and demanding Justice.

5. The Govr: and Councill tooke cognisance of the complaint and by a message charging the Dutch Cheife with the forthcomeing of Colla Chitte, then in their ffactory proceeded to the hearing of the Case and caused the matter to be Examined in the Choultry of Cuddalore by indifferent Natives, the most competent of understanding the nature and Circumstance of the Crime and the Custome of the Country who Reported Cooll Chitte Guilty (by his own confession) and that he ought to forfitt his Estate to the Dutch and be turned out of Town (wherein they were moderate) Declaring that by their Custome he ought to dye.

The Govr: and Councill after due consideration of said Report, and of all circumstances of the case waveing that part w^{ch}: Relates to the Duan they onely considered the inflecting such a disgracefull punishment as would Satisfy the complainers, and therefore on the 5th: May Sentenced Colla Chittee wth: in ten dayes to be mounted on an ass wth: his face to the Taile and to be carried thro the streets of Tegnapatam and to be sent out of y^{e}: bounds Either to Negapatam or where the Dutch Cheife thought convenient; but not to Returne under forfiture of his Ears and being made a slave to the Comp^{a}:

The Govr: and Councill on the same Evening sent two messengers to acquaint y^{e}: Dutch Cheif therewth: but he protecting Coola Chitte in their ffactory, Refused to deliver him to our Marshall wth: in the time limitted under ꝑtence of orders Excepted from Negapatam tho sev^{ll}: messages were sent to the Dutch Cheife to demand him ꝑticularly on the 15th: May.

Now by the aforementioned abstract of the Honble: Govr: Pitts Letter it doth appear that Yo^{r}: Cheife of Tegnapatam ffactory doth protect, and detaine the Criminall from Justice by the order of Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: w^{ch}: is grounded on these Reasons that because the Crimanall is a subject of the R^{t}: Honble: Netherland East India Comp^{a}: therefore he cannot be tryed by any other Judicature then your own.

It must be taken pro confesso, that Coola Chittee the Criminall is Guilty, and desirveth a punishment att least Severe as that Sentenced by the Govern^{r}: and Councill of ffort S^{t}: David and that hee is a native Inhabitant wth: in the bounds of Tegnapatam.

Wee will not now consider the question whether every Subject of the Netherlands Company inhabiting within the bounds of Tegnapatam, as well as all others when they are within the said bounds are under the Judicature of the English Company, nor will we contend with Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: about your calling Coole Chittee the Subject of Yo^{r}: Company supposeing that you intitle all Yo^{r}: Serv^{ts}: your Subjects, but we are oblidged to affirme that the English Company being lords proprietors wth : in the bounds of Tegnapatam purchased of Ramaraja they have y^{e}: Sole Dominion and Right of Judicature wth: in the said bounds, but as derived, or held of them The Netherlands Company have Rec^{d}: Sever^{ll} : Cowles from Ramraja or his predicessors prior to the English Company purchased and all the priviledges and Immunitys thereby granted, ought to be and are ꝑserved inviolate to the Netherlands Comp^{a} : but there are three things to be considered 1st: that y^{e}: said priviledges both in the intention of the Giver, and Receiver Relates onely to the Management of Trade, as Merch^{ts} : 2th : that by all the Coppyes of the Cowles Granted by Ramraja or his predesessors, w^{ch} : we have seen there doth not appear the [least] Ground for claiming a Right of Judicature over the Native Inhabitants, in Criminall cases w^{ch} : Extend to forfiture of life or Estate 3th : the priviledges Immunityes or power within the bounds of Tegnapatam w^{ch} : the Netherlands Comp^{a} : derived from Ramraja or his Predicessors are now held of the English Comp^{a}: by virtue of their purchased propriety and Dominion and it is to be further noted y^{t}: by y^{e}: Custome of India Such Priviledges are generally understood to be conditionall, and consequently may be forfeited, and Revoked or abated upon failure or misdemeanors, as all the Europe Nations who have ffactorys depending on the Goverm^{t}: and favour of the Princes of India have found by dear bought Experience.

If then the English Comp^{a}: have power of Judicature the Netherlands Comp^{a} : have not a power of impeding the Execution, & the detaining and protecting of the Crimanall from Justice, is a violation of the English Comp^{a} : Right of Goverm^{t} : w^{ch}: wee cannot Rec[e]de from but are oblidged to claime.

For w^{ch}: Reasons we cannot consent to the preposall of Coola Chitte being carryed to Pollicherry and punished there by yor : Judicature because that would amount in common construction to an acknowledgment that the English Comp^{a} : have not power of Judicature in this case. Besides where the Crime is comitted there is the proper place of Punishment and most agreeable to that main Ends of detaining others from the like crime, and Satisfaction of the Injured who have hitherto insisted positively not onely upon the Crimanall being punished, but that he be punished in the place where the Crime was comitted. and it is Reasonable that the Reputation of the Injured be Repaired in the place where the disgrace is Suffered more over if we admitt of the carrying this criminall to Pollicherry to be punished there it will be a precedent for carrying all crimanall thither to be judged and punished Viz^{t} : so many as y^{e} : Dutch Cheife &c^{a} : of Tegnapatam shall please to call the Subjects of Yo^{r} : Comp^{a} : w^{ch}: may be all that are or att [? any] time have been Entertained or Employed to serve in any manner of business w^{ch} : may take in the Greatest part of the Artificers Cooleys, and others Inhabitants of Tegnapatam to Pollicherry, and Render one Subordinate to the Goverm^{t} : of the other.

Lastly the probable consequent of y^{e} : not Executing Justice on the Crimanall ought to be Remembred for considereing the nature and circumstance of the Crime comitted the desperate Effects some times made in Revenge of Extreame disgrace the quality of the Injured tho mean Enough in themselves, yett as they are Subjects of Ramraja, and known to him and his officers by their perticular Sarvice the Notoriety of so Extraordinary a cause may Gaine an Easy hearing and tho it is not to be Supposed that in Revenge of their quarrell Ramraja will send an army yett if other business draw his army that way it is not impossible but he may from hence take occasion to demand Satisfaction and from whome will he demand but from the English Goverm^{t} : to whom the Injured made aplication for Justice or if from the Dutch Cheife of Tegnapatam the case is much the Sume if warr or trouble doe arise wth: in our bounds and if any Extraordinary accident shall happen hereupon after w^{t} : manner or by w^{t}: means will Yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : secure the English Company from Damage or make it Good if any bee doubtless in this case prevention is the

best Remedy by inflecting Punishm^{t}: on y^{e}: Criminall to the Sattisfaction of the Injured in the place where the crime was comitted w^{ch}: will content them & barr their further complaints and oblidge us to continue.

Yo^{r}: Very Affec^{t}: Freinds & Ser^{ts}:.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 70.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 22 JUNE 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: FOSBORGH
GOVERN^{R}: OF MALLACCA &C^{A}: COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRES
OF Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: NETHERLAND EAST INDIA COMPANY
ATT MALLACCA.

℘ Boa: Vista Mantr:

On y^{o}: 11th: Ins^{t}: Seaven Europe men and 14 Laskars Run away wth: a small Ketch belonging to the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: from this Road att 9 a Clock in a Dark night and it Seeming probable y^{t}: they might att one time or other come wth: in the Straits of Mallacca, we thought itt Requisitt to give Yo^{r} Hon^{r}: &c^{a} notice thereof, and that they may bee the better known we inclose a particular description of the men and Vessell and we pray Yo^{r} Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to give such orders as you Judge best for Seizing the Vessell and men and if you can gett them in Yo^{r}: possession Either to Send them to us if oppertunity ℘sents, or seize them and advise us and we shall Repay the Charges.

Wee have heard no certain advise concerning the 5 ffrench Ships since they departed from Surratt on the 17/27 Aprill last God ℘vent their Evill designs to whose protection we commend Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: and Remain

Honble: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: very Affec^{t}: ffreinds and Serv^{ts}:

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WEIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 71.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 22TH: JUNE 1696

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: AT BENGALL.

℘ ship Sta: Cruse

Our last was 7th: Aprill via Ballasore Coppy whereof comes inclosed. The ffleet ffrigat arrived here on the 14 May and brought us Yo^{r}: Gen^{ll}: Dat^{d}: 13th: March wth: Coppys of 19th: and 29th: ffeb^{ry}: and M^{r}: Ellis Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: and the Diary.

Wee are sencible you will find it difficult to putt off the Europe Goods but the Greatness of the quantity we have Rec^{d}: made it necessary to send you a small part we have Still Remaining more y^{n}: we can hope to vend in two Years if you cannot

Sell att the former price wee think you had better abate something then keep the Goods in the Godowns Subject to damage.

Both Yo^{r}: lett^{rs} : of the 19th : and 29th : ffeb^{ry} : Giveing us an Assurance that you will be able to dispatch one Small Ship in August and the 29th : onely an uncertain hope that you may be able to dispatch another we have chosen Rather to send the ffleet ffrigat to the West Coast, under orders of being dispatched from thence by y^{e} : 15th : Septem^{r} : att farthest, and leave the Russell ffrigat (the bigger ship) to be sent home alone in August and we hope the ffleet ffrigat will be wth : you time Enough to be dispatch^{d} : in Nov^{r} : or X^{br} and will bring you a good Cargo of Pepper.

When you dispatch the Russell ffrigatt for Europe order her to tuch here if the winds shall favour wth : out Busking too much possibly we may Receive new Sailing orders from our Honble : Masters for the Returning Ships.

You advised M^{r}: Holcombe that the postilion was fitting out and Ready to Saile but we hear nothing of their designe whether to Cruise for Prizes or to meet the ffrench ffleet w^{ch} : we are certainly informed (5 Ships departed from Surrat on the 17 Aprill and are Gen^{lly} : Supposed to be bound for Bengall) and therefore we have detained the Mary Bowyer to prevent her falling into Bengall wth : the ffrench ffleet and in hopes of Receiving advise but we have yet heard nothing Either of the Postilion or y^{e} : ffleet.

Wee have therefore Resolved to keep her here till the hazard is over and if in the meantime you want money make use of Yo^{r} : Creditt and borrow so much as is necessary for Carrying on Yo^{r} : Investments to compleat y^{e} : leading of the Russell ffrigatt and ffleet ffrigat we keep the Pilott wth : the Bowyer.

M^{r} : Ellis and M^{r} : Braddyll are arrived and have their Stations alotted them by the R^{t} : Honble: Comp^{a} : in this Councill.

By private letters Rec^{d} : from Europe by two Daines Ships who arrived lately att Tringomalay we Rec^{d} : advise that the Princess was taken by ffrenchmen of warr and Carried into Brest we are

Yo^{r} : Affectionate ffreinds

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 72.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 24TH : JUNE 1696.

To M^{R} : SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &C^{A} :
COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

This Serves to accompany the Request of one of our Inhabitants and Merch^{ts} : Wallachee Chitte whose Vessell being cast ashoar at Nellapundee wth : 5 Elephants, and they being at liberty Ran into the woods hee desires that the Elephants and other Goods and p^{t} : of the Ship Saved may be Restored and we desire you to use your interest in his behalfe to w^{ch} : end there comes a letter from the Govr : to the Seir Lascars w^{ch} : you may make use of if you find occasion Wallachee Chitte will give the Cheife a particular Acco^{t} : of his Concerns and is to take care to defray all Charges. Sent by land.

Wee have hitherto delay'd Sending the Bowyer to Vizagapatam and Bengall for want of advises concerning the ffrench ships Postilion which was fitted in Bengall for Sailing in March last and the ffrench ffleet of 5 Ships which we are certainly advised departed from Surratt on the 17 Aprill but whither bound unknown tho

supposed for Bengall but we hope that Either the Bowyer or the King William will be w^th^: you before this and bring you the Necessary Supply of Stock : we are

Yo^r^ : Affectionat Freinds.

NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^R^ : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

P : S : 25th : June

Wee have Rec^d^ : Yors Dat^d^ : 5th : Ins^t^ : with the accompaning Pacquett from Bengall.

Inclosed is a list of mens names that Run away w^th^ : the Josia Ketch from Madrass also a description of the Ketch we would have you give the necessary orders for the Ketch and men being Secured in case they should come into any Ports to the northwards.

List of the Pacq^t^ : to Vizagapatam.

N^o^ :

1. Duplicate of a Gen^ll^ : letter Dat^d^ : 9th : May 96.
2. Commission from the Court of Amiralty to M^r^ : Samuell Owen.
3. Interrogatorys Directed to M^r^ : Owen for the Examination of M^r^ : Holcombe.
4. Coppy of M^r^ : Holcombe Acco^t^ : Sea Cust^m^.

No. 73

FFORT S^T^ : GEORGE 25TH : JUNE 1696.

TO THE WOR^PLL^ : CHARLES EYRE.
AGENT &^CA^ : COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

ꝑship Sat : Cruse.

Last night we Recd : Yors : dat^d^ : 23 Aprill and 4th : May over land (w^th^ : papers according to list) by w^ch^ : we Gladly understand the Arrivall of the Russell ffrigatt and the Assurance you give of her Early dispatch and that you will alsoe be provided to lade the ffleet ffrigatt by that time she will arrive w^th^ : you.

Wee cannot send you the additionall Stocke of 400000 Rupees w^ch^ : you acquainte us will be necessary for the putting off the Europe Cloth to the Merch^ts^ : w^th^ : $\frac{5}{6}$ money upon Dadne & you must not Expect from us aboue 150000 Rupees w^ch^ : w^th^ : the Stock already sent by the ffleet ffrigatt and Russell ffrigatt will amo^t^ : to About 550000 Rupees and we can Send no more unless we should clog your Markett w^th^ : more Europe Goods of w^ch^ : you already complaine y^u^ : have too much, and this Seems to be Sufficient both to discharge Yo^r^ : Debts (and Considering the Goods Ready to provide Good cargos for the two small ships or Yo^r^ : Creditt cannot faile for a small Sume if occation Requires if there shall come more ships they will bring more Stocke besides the commotions in Bengall Renders it not advisable to trust more stock there then is necessary for the ꝑsent business till you can make a Judgem^t^ : of the Issue as appears by the ꝑticular Acco^t^ : you give of the passages between the Nabob Duan, & Rebel Raja.

Goods haveing been formerly Invoiced from the Fort to Subordinate ffactorys at the ffort price it was three Years agoe Resolved that all goods be Invoiced att prime cost, y^t^ : the Proffitt of Subordinat ffactorys might appear, and to ꝑvent the bringing a loss upon the head ffactorys by Damage wast and Charges Merchandize, it was thought Requisite to Charge 5 ꝑ Cent upon all Goods Invoiced hence to any other ffactory w^ch^ : Indeed is too much upon Goods not wastable as lead &^ca^ : but is not too much upon some & is too litle upon others that are Subject to want & damage and it would be too nice an acco^t^ : to make distinct Rates according to the quality of Each sort of Goods 5 ꝑ Cent was therefore calculated as a medium and tho in some

perticular cases it may appear unreasonable yet upon the whole our ffactory is no great gainer by this method nor shall we gaine much upon the Cargoe Sent by the Russell ffrigatt for tho y^{e}: Charges of Merchandize for unlading and Reladeing will not Amount to much yet this ffactory Suffers more loss by y^{e}: damage of that Cargo then the 5 ꝑ Cent Charged in Yo^{r}: Invoice will amo^{ts}: to there being 40 Bales damaged by Ships Russell ffrigat & King William we sent you none but what appears to be not damaged it is true the lead Invoiced to you by the Russell ffrigatt do's not come within the Reason, and intentions of the orders because it was not unladen and the Charging of 5 ꝑ Cent upon that would have been omitted if itt had been minded if you think it worth while you may Recharge to our Acco^{t}: Pag^{s} : 131 : 13 : advise us.

It is very probable that Either M^{r}: Stanley paid to little for the House or the Comp^{a}: pay's to much Rent 20 Rupees ꝑ month for 350 Rupees prime Cost lett a good Enquire be made of the Real Value of the House the Amount of the Yearly Repaire and by whom it hath been paid M^{r}: Stanley hath wrote us a letter concerning it wherin he describes the defects of the House and inlarges much upon the Greatness of the Charges in Repairing but his answer is not Satisfactory.

Our next will bring you orders for the disposall of M^{r}: Peacheys Effects attached, wherein we could be more certaine if you had given us an acco^{t}: of the ꝑticulars.

Wee are of Yo^{r}: opinion that Mottradass proposalls for buying all the broadcloth is not to be Accepted not wth: Respect to the price but the time w^{ch}: he takes for payment if you Could Sell for Ready money or for Goods deliverable within the Year it is better to take less (if you cannot gett so much) then to keep them upon Yo^{r}: hands when more is Expected, and Bengall must take of itts Share.

If the delivery of the whole dadne will oblidge the Merch^{ts}: to complye wth: their whole Contract it is better to deliver all at first when y^{u}: have money enough but when you have not it is better to deliv^{r}: $\frac{3}{4}$: $\frac{5}{8}$: $\frac{1}{2}$ according to Yor : Stock then to make no Investment at all.

Capt: Merry hath Carryed the Anchor wth: him and is answerable to you in Bengall. Wee have Laden on the ffleet ffrigatt for Bengall Lead [. . . .] and Redwood her Charterparty proportion C^{a}: [. . .] Jnclosed is the Receipt for 1000 Doll : on Charterparty, and the Pursers acknowledgm^{t} of damaged Goods from Bengall both w^{ch}: papers must be sent home by the Ship.

A ffortification in Bengall will doubtless be very Acceptable to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: and usefull for Defence but it is not to be hoped that the Mogall will now Grant a ffortification, and the Nabob cannot consent without his order, and if y^{u}: do attempt it he would certainly put a stop both to the building and Yo^{r}: bussiness, unless the ꝑvalence of the Rebells diverts his notice, and if a ffort be built in Such a Juncture when the Rebells are overcome the Goverm^{t}: would doubtless not onely take notice of it, but order its demolishment, and it would be the occasion of a publick quarrell.

But you want accommodation for lodging and for Godowns w^{ch}: ought to be built dureable for the doeing of w^{ch}: cause a good Store of bricks and Chinam to be provided y^{t}: when it is begune itt may be Carryed on wth: Expidition being a matter of Great importance we will consider of it and give you our best advice but none can direct Except upon the place or by an Exact draught. we are

Yo^{r}: Affec^{te}: Freinds

Nath^{ll}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William ffraser.
Francis Ellis.
Rog^{r}: Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Thos: Wright.
Matt : Empson.

ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.

Herewith is the Coppy of His Ex^{ys}: the Gen^{ll}: &c^{a}: Councill their letter sent you by Ketch Josia w^{ch}: arrived here on the 5th: Instant wth: Red Earth as ꝑ Invoice consigned to you whereof wee took out 50 Candy and intended to unlade the halfe, supposing it wo^{d}: sell better here then Bengall but on the 11th: Ins^{t}: at 9 a Clock att night (the master sick ashoar) the mate and 6: more Europe men Run away wth: her and Carryed the Pacquet wth: them. Inclosed is a description of the Ketch men &c^{a}: give notice to any Ships that goe out on any voyage that they may if possible, be seized whenever mett wth: and sent to us we have wrote to Acheen and Mallacca you must Debt Yo^{r}: Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: for the whole of the Red wood Earth, and Debt us for what we have Rec^{d}:

You will understand by the Gen^{ll}: lett^{r}: y^{t}: the Intent of Sending the Ketch to you was to furnish Bombay wth: Salt Petre to Kentilage their ships for Europe, and that the same was to be dispatched from Bengall, as soon as the monsoon would ꝑ mitt if you meet wth: an oppertunity of Sending any Salt Petre to Bombay Either by hiring a vessell on purpose, or on ffreight faile not to Send itt because the dispatch of their Ships Seems to depend upon it.

By the next opportunity send us twenty or thirty Rheam of Bengall Cartridge Paper. we are

Yo^{r}: Affec^{te}: Freinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T}: TO BENGALL.

N^{o}: 1: Gen^{ll}: letter dat^{d}: 22th: June 96
2 Gen^{ll}: letter dat^{d}: 25 D^{o}:
3 Capt: John Merry Rec^{t}: for 1000 Doll: on Charpar^{ty}:
4 Acco^{t}: Goods Short Rec^{d}: from & damaged ꝑ ffleet ffrigatt Signed ꝑ y^{e}: Purser.
5 List of men Run away wth: Ketch Josia
6 Coppy of Bombay Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e: to Bengall dat^{d}: 15th: & 18 May
7 Coppy of Ketch Josia's Invoice for Bengall
8 Coppy Capt: Backers Sailing orders dat^{d}: 17th: May 96.

No. 74.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 4 JULY 1696

TO M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIFE &CA: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPAT:

On the 16 May last wee sent the Gingerlee Briganteen to be Repair'd att Vizagapatam. The Master now writes us that the Vessell leak'd more then they could pump and bale, and was forced for the saveing of their lives to putt her ashore near Pettipollee, and y^{t}: they have Saved y^{e}: most part of the Stores belonging to the Briganteen, and those sent for her Repaire and deliv^{d}: them to M^{r}: Noden, whom we have order'd by a letter now sent overland to Send to you by a hired boat w^{ch}: if itt shall arrive you before the King Williams Returne Send to us by the Ship or Sell them att or near y^{e}: prime Cost mentioned in the Inclosed acco^{t}:

Pay the Master of the Said Brigantine William Griffen we sent you a letter dat^{d}: 9th: 15th: May Duplicate whereof was sent overland wth: ours of 24 June whereby you will ꝓceive the Reason why we have deferred the Sending of the

Treasure so long but we now hope the Hazard of y^{e}: ffrench ffleet is over, as to Yo^{r}: Port because it is so long since they departed from Surrat that they must be passed by this if bound for Bengall directly wee have therefore Sent the King William to you wth: Pag^{s}: 22000 in Rupees and Pag^{s}: as ⅌ Inclosed Invoice, and bill of ladeing w^{ch}: will bee Sufficient for the last Contract but if by the Accident of warr, or want of Cotton you find it more then you can make use of and y^{t}: it is not secure in Yo^{r}: ffactory you may Returne the overpluse to us by the King William.

Wee have Rec^{d}: Yo^{rs}: of 3^{d}: May two dat^{d}: 23^{d}: & the last 5 June wth: the Diarys and Pacquet and M^{r}: Owens Acco^{t}:

Lett the Moor Merch^{ts}: have Creditt for the Broad cloth &c^{a}: mention'd in Yo^{rs}: of 3^{d}: May by Daniell Dubois in the Gen^{ll}: bookes & we will adjust itt wth: him here since you say that Primagee is uncapable of paying.

Wee shall debt Yo^{r}: Acco^{t}: Pag^{s}: 29: 7: 4 for 1 ca: 5: 14 Cotton w^{ch}: you Rec^{d}: from Metchlepatam by M^{r}: Hamptons Vessell being Rated at Pag^{s}: 23 ⅌ Candy.

Yo^{r}: former letter advised of about 80 bales imbaled and about 60 bales Sorted and in the washermens Hands being upon the Acco^{t}: of the former Contract and that you have deliv^{d}: the 10000 Pag^{s}: sent ⅌ Russell ffrigatt to the Merch^{ts}: upon the Contract of 3^{d}: March and that they made Good progress in providing the Cloth wth: w^{ch}: the aforementioned 140 bales will make up about 300 bales w^{ch}: we Supposed may be Ready by y^{t}: time the King William Arrives wth: you and if you keep the Ship till the money now sent be invest^{d}: and any considerable part thereof imbaled she will stay longer then is convenient and at last bring away but a small quantity, and Run the hazard of meeting the Moonsoon here, besides the uncertainty of the ffrench ffleet their designs and of the place to w^{ch}: they are bound Renders it Advisable not to lett the Ship lye long in a place we therefore order you, to lade on board so many bales as you can gett Ready by the latter part of this month, so as y^{t}: She may be in Readiness to Sail in y^{e}: begining of August if a slatch should then happen fair for her Returning hither w^{ch}: is not impro[b]able, because the full moon will be about the 4th: day and that the ship may not be detained for want of Invoice and bill of ladeing lett them be finished and Yo^{r}: lett^{r}: Ready to deliver and upon the first oppertunity of a wind give the Com^{r}: his dispatch but if the Ship shall be detained by contrary winds you may afterwards lade any bales w^{ch}: you can gett Ready in the mean time, and take another bill of ladeing and make another Invoice.

If Yo^{r}: Bookes are not Ballanced for Aprill last clear of the Acco^{t}: of M^{r}: Dubois, Owen Focquett and Chapmen by Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: and we will bring their ballance into our bookes and state their Acco^{t}: in them M^{r}: Owen must have Creditt for the 200 Pag^{s}: Recoverd of Presid^{t}: Yale.

So soon as Yo^{r}: bookes are finished send us overland the ffoot of Yo^{r}: proffitt and Loss, and Yo^{r}: Leidger Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: wth: y^{e}: Journell ⅌cells that your Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: may be adjusted in our bookes and send Yo^{r}: bookes by y^{e}: ship one pair for England and one to Remain here.

You are not to understand the foregoing order about dispatching the Ship in the begining of August, as if itt limitted you positively to y^{e}: first day whether you have gott in the greatest part of the 10000 Pag^{s}: or no possibly Yo^{r}: Merch^{ts}: may bring in the beteelas first, and may by that time have brought in but a small part of the long cloth &c^{a}: you may have a considerable quantity of long cloth, and Sallampores Ready for Sorting w^{ch}: may be dispatched in a few days in w^{ch}: case you must use Yo^{r}: own discretion, our intention being that you send us as many bales as you can and the sooner the ship is dispatched the better, and ought not to

stay for a few bales and for the bett^r^ : dispatch send us as much Brown long cloth as you think convenient. we are

Yo : Affection^te^ : ffreinds.
NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^R^ : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THO^S^ : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET :

No : 1 : Gen^ll^ : lett^r^ : dat^d^ : 4 July 96.
2 Invoice of Ship King W^m^:
3 Bill of ladeing of D^o^ :
4 List of Stores on Briganteen Gingerlee.
5 List of D^o^ : and prize.

No. 75.

FFORT S^t^ : GEORGE 6 JULY 1696.

To M^R^ : PHILIP NODEN
MERCH^T^ : ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Yo^r^ : letter dat^d^ : 9th : May acquaints that the ffactorys of Metchlepatam and Madapollam wants Repair, in answer to w^ch^ : we Order you not to lay out one fanam on the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^as^ : Acco^t^ : Either in Repairing or any other ffactory Charge, untill you have our Express order, and if you doe it shall not be allowed you in Acco^t^ : nor any thing that you have all Ready Expended, as we formerly advised you that we permitted you to Stay att Yo^r^ : own Charge, but the Comp^a^ : is to be att no Charge for Repairs Rent Serv^ts^ : Presents or any thing therefore if you cannot Stay on your own Charge come away hither.

The Ending of Controversy between the wife and Children of Pottana who was the Comp^a^ : Merch^t^ : is approved, and if you can find means to Compell Sundee Jagga to pay his Debt to M^r^ : Wynn, and to the Comp^a^ : you may goe on w^th^ : itt, but we Suspect you will bring your Selves into troubles by intermedling in such affairs and y^t^ : the Government will at last catch you in some snare or other you must therefore be very cautious and Remember that the Comp^a^ : cannot be at any Charge Either for the Managem^t^ : of such business or for [freeing] you from trouble if you meet w^th^ : any.

William Griffen has sent us an Acco^t^ : of y^e^ : Stores &c^a^ : Saved of Gingerlee Brigantine and d̃d into your hands at Metchlepatam ffactory send them all to M^r^ : Holcombe &c^a^ : at Vizagapatam by a hired boat, and lett M^r^ : Griffen &c^a^ : Repair thither immediately that they may from thence gett a passage hither if they cannot meet w^th^ : a passage from Metchlepatam hither directly if you want money for y^e^ : payment of the necessary Charges you may sell some of the Cordage.

Inclosed is a list of some Goods w^ch^ : were laden by M^r^ : Chardin on the Briganteen for M^r^ : Holcombe Acco^t^ : he desires they may be Sent to M^r^ : Holcombe by the same Conveyance w^th^ : the other things, and M^r^ : Holcombe is to pay his proportion of the Charge allso a list of all that belonged to the Vessel and the Stores laden on her for her Repair at Vizagapatam w^ch^ : will direct you to make Enquirey for the Severall things that are imbezelled.

Send us Yo^{r}: Acco^{t}: of w^{t}: you have Rec^{d}: for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Acco^{t}:

Yo^{r}: loveing ffreinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THO^{s}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET.

N^{o}: 1 Generall letter dat^{d}: 6: July 96:
2 List of Stores belonging to the Gingerlee Brigantine.
3 Acco^{t}: Goods Laden by M^{r}: Chardin on Brigantin Gingerlee Consign'd to M^{r}: Holcombe.

No. 76.

To CAP^{T}: JAMES THWAITS
COM^{R}: OF SHIP WILLIAM.

Haveing laden the Treasure &c^{a}: designed for Vizagapatam, you are order'd on Receipt hereof to goe aboard and wth: the first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh Anchor and sett Saile and make the best of yor: way for the most speedy attaining of the port of Vizagapatam where when arrived deliver our letter directed to Mr Simon Holcombe Cheife &c^{a}: Councill for affairs of the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: unto whom you goe Consigned and whose orders you are to ffollow for your unladeing lading and Returne we have ordered them to lade as many bales as they shall have Ready by the last of this month that you may be in a Readyness to Sail upon the full moon in the begining of August if there shall then happen a fair slatch or by the first oppertunity after the full moon, whereof we give you notice that [you] may order the business of yor: Ship Accordingly, the uncertainty of y^{e}: design or place to w^{ch}: the ffrench ships are bound will oblidge you to keep watch, and be in a possition of defence if you meet wth: the Ketch Josia w^{ch}: 7 Europe men and 14 Lascars Run away wth: from this Road on the 11th: June cause her to be seized and the Europe men secured in Irons and the Vessell and men to be brought hither we wish you a Good Voyage and date these in ffort S^{t}: George this 4th: day of July 1696.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 77.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 17TH: JULY 96.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN BENGALL

Our last letters were dat^{d}: 22^{d}: & 25th: June both sent ℘ ship Sta: Cruse belonging to Coja Esuph who promissed to deliver them wth: his own hand Coppyes whereof comes Inclosed. ℘ Mary Bowyer.

Wee send by the Mary Bowyer Rup^{s}: 100000 w^{ch}: is as much, as is convenient to venture upon her and indeed is all the Rupees we have Ready if another oppertu-

nity happen we shall send about 50000 Rupees more & that is all you can Expect from us unless ships arrive from Europe before the monsoon in Yo^{rs}: of 23^{d}: Aprill you mention only the Receipt of 13 Chests Dollars ℘ ffleet ffrigatt and 174000 Rupees ℘ Russell but we sent 53000 Rup^{s} : ℘ the ffleet besides the Europe Goods by both ships all w^{ch}: must be Accounted into Yo^{r} : Stock tho you call it vast quantity and cant be disposed off but by adding $\frac{11}{6}$ money in giveing out dadney at w^{ch}:Rate you will want at least 4000000 Rup^{s} : to put it off but since you will not have so much money (after your Debts are paid) some other method must be contrived for its disposall, tho you abat[e] the price because you may depend upon a further Supply of Europe Goods by the next Ships.

Wee have heard nothing concerning the ffrench since our last itt hath been thought probable by some that they are gone directly home from Surat but it is Generally Supposed that they are still in India, & that they will visitt Bengall before they leave India. Pray faile not to Send us all necessary advices as they come to Yo^{r} : knowledge concerning their arrivall in Bengall and their designs the Ships now in Bengall Provisions of Goods for Europe Muster of men &c^{a} :

By the Martha we Returned you 9 bales of Maulda Cloth w^{ch}: you sent us by that ship and wee then wrote to you largely concerning M^{r} : Peachey in our letter dat^{d} : 24th: June 1695 by Yo^{rs}: of the 14th: August 1695 you Acknowledge the Receipt of the Bales and promiss and answere to our letter, but you have wholey omitted it for want of w^{ch}: wee cannot proceed against M^{r}: Peachey by the first send us a ℘ticular answere, to that letter allso to M^{r}: Peacheys Answere to Gumshams Complaint sent you wth : our letter dat^{d}: 9th : Octob^{r} : 1695.

By the ffleet ffrigatt wee sent M^{r} : Gardiner Dunster whom the R^{t} : Honble: Comp^{a} : Gen^{ll}: letter to us by the Ship mentions to be sent a ffactor for the bay whereof wee did not then advise lett him Enjoy his station as ffactor.

In the Invoice ℘ ffleet ffrigatt the Cost & Charges Merchandize of Salt petre and other Goods are not distinguished the Acco^{t} : of Each ought to appear.

Inclosed is a list of store[s] to be provided & sent us by the R^{t} : Honble: Comp^{a} : Ships and Coppy of our order of Consultation dat^{d} : 18th : Ins^{t} : occasioned by the warrant obtained from the Court of Admiralty by M^{r} : W^{m}: Proby against M^{r} : George Crooke.

Wee have no Enginer to Send you to direct buildings but as formerly advised wee think you should proceed in the finishing of the ffactory, and Closeing up the East & West Sides w^{ch} ; are now open wth: Good strong buildings for lodgings and Godowns to Secure from fire theives and Robbers and the walls and ffloors strong Enough to bear Gunns upon occasion.

His Ex^{cy}: at Bombay sent the Ketch Josia to fetch Salt Petre for Kentilageing of ships for Europe, and doe informe us of the necessity they are in for want of it. The Ketch being Run away we have no other Vessell to send from hence, but it is our Resolution to send one if possibly procurable but for fear of a disappointment wee desire the Agent &c^{ca}: Owners of Ship Greyhound (now at Vizagapatam & bound hither) to Empower M^{r} : Braddyll a p^{t} : owner and whome they think fitt to Contract wth : us for the hire of said ship to serve this occasion or if you meet wth : an oppertunity of Ladeing 500 or 600 baggs of Salt petre on ffreight for Bombay in the month of August or begining of Septemb^{r} : you may notwithstanding any thing that wee have wrote we are

Yo^{r} : very Affec^{te}: ffreind [s]

Nath^{ll} : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William ffraser.
Francis Ellis.
Rog^{r} : Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Thos : Wright.
Matt : Empson.

List of the Pacquet.

No: 1. Gen^{ll} : letter dat^{d} : 17 July 96
2. Coppy Do : dat^{d} : 22 June 96
3. Coppy Do : dat^{d} : 25 D^{o} :
4. Parg^{h} : Consultation 18 July 96
5. Invoice of Mary Bowyer
6. Bill of ladeing of Ditto
7. List of Stores to be sent from Bengall
8. List of Goods laden on the Mary Bowyer on ffreight
9. Acco^{t} : Disbursement on y^{e} : Mary Bowyer
10. Gen^{ll} : Lett^{r} : to M^{r} : Stanley &^{ca} : at Ballasore
11. List of the Pacquet

List of Stores to be sent from Bengall by the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Shipping as oppertunity offers.

Sugar		100 baggs
Oyle		100 Jarrs
Butter		50 Jarrs
Gunn^{s} : p^{s}		4000 all the best sort
Ropes . . .	Candy	25
Twine	Ditto	10
Wheat		200 baggs

Waxcloth for Package 200 p^{s} : to bee made of Gun^{s} : of 36 Covitts
Rice as much as there is Roome

Salt petre	500 or 1000	Tons
Match	10 :	Candy
Cartridge paper	10	Rheam
Bees Wax	5	Candy
Arack	10	Buts
Bengall Canvis . . .	100	Bolts
Sealing wax	1	Maund

If no Ship of the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : then to send the following on ffreight by next opportunity

Wheat Rundeepore	Baggs	50
Cartridge Paper . .	Rheam	5
Bees wax	Candy	2
Sealing wax	Maund	1 :

No. 78.

Fort S^{t} : George 17th : July 96.

To M^{r} : Simon Holcombe Cheife &c^{a} :
Councill att Vizagapatam.

Our last was the 4th : Ins^{t} : ℘ King William w^{ch} : brought you money &c^{a} : to the Amo^{t} : Pag : 22158 : 21 : 5 on the 15th : Ins^{t} : wee Rec^{d} : Yo^{rs} : of the 24th : past wth : the Bengall Pacquet ℘ ship Greyhound and Yo^{r} : Diary lett the Chest unknowne be sent hither by Ship King William.

Wee have Rec^{d} : no advices concerning the ffrench ship it is Generally supposed that they are still in India and upon that Consideration it is not convenient that the King William stay longer then is necessary in Yo^{r} : Port.

Wee sent you by this boat two Chests Rose water and have ordered M^{r} : Noden to send you by her all the Necessarys of Metch^{m} : and Madapollam ffactory w^{ch} : we cane gett off you may take what is fitt for Yo^{r} : ffactory, and send us the Rest by the King W^{m} : (if they come time Enough) or any other conveinance [*sic*].

We ℘mitt M^{r} : Noden to Reside att Metchlepatam or Madapollam dureing the absence of the ffactorys w^{ch} : wee are not ordered to Resetle in the mean time His

Residence may be usefull for the ℘servation of the English Priviledge upon w^{ch}: acco^{t}: we have directed M^{r}: Noden upon his Representing the Controversy between Pottanas widow and sons, to Endeavour to putt an end to itt but it seems the widow women applied to the Countrey Goverm^{t}: the Result whereof is as M^{r}: Noden writes that by y^{e}: Kings Husbul-hookum they are ordered to stand to the Judgem^{t}: given by the English ffactory but still the woman applyes to the Seer lascar w^{ch}: is the occasion of their goeing that way wee would have y^{u}: to concerne Yo^{r}: selves so far as you find necessary for upholding the English priviledge and that you may better understand the Cause wee Have Ordered M^{r}: Noden to give you a perticular Acco^{t}: thereof and of all other business that he meddles wth: and to ffollow Yo^{r}: orders. Those ffactoryes being under the same Goverm^{t}: wth: Vizagapatam M^{r}: Noden complains that the ffactory building want[s] Repair, and that landlords of some Ground att Metchlepatam demand Rent we have often wrote him, that the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: must not be att one fanam Charge for Repairs Rent Servants wages or anything Else, w^{ch}: you are to observe. Wee have agreed wth: Callwa Chitte that you shall pay to his order, so much as you think Reasonable for the ffreight of the Rose water, and what Laden att Matchlapatam the boat is bound for Ganjam and is to call att Vizagapatam for delivery of those Goods Send us 1000 Good Gunnyes by the King W^{M}: if procurable a Candy or two of Robes and a Candy of twine and two or three Candy of wax if Good procurable and 10 or 20 p^{s}: of wax Cloth for Package, w^{ch}: wee want and cannot att ℘sent ℘cure. we are

Yo^{r}: Affec^{te}: Freinds

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MAT̃T: EMPSON.

No. 79.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 17TH: JULY 96.

To M^{R}: PHILIP NODEN
ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Wee wrote you the 6th: Ins^{t}: M^{r}: Holcombe &^{ca}: advise us that they want a bell, and severall house necessaryes w^{ch}: are at Metchlepatam and Madapollam by this boat belonging to the Callaway Chitte you may send whatever you cane conveniently lade upon her, consigned to M^{r}: Holcombe &^{ca}: wth: the boatmens Receipt and list and take any other oppertunity w^{ch}: shall happen for sending the Rest Either thither or hither.

Pottanas wife and son being gone to the Seer Lascars wee have wrote to M^{r}: Holcombe &^{ca}: to take cognisance of their difference and to Endeavour to putt an End to them in Such manner as will best Suite wth: the ℘servation of the English priviledges we would therefore have you give them a ℘ticular Acco^{t}: of the case, allsoe concerning Sundra Ingga [? Linga] and the Debt due from Potana to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: that they may the better understand how to proceed, & as well in these as in any other business w^{ch}: you shall meddle wth: observe their orders w^{ch}: they can better give, and assist you, then we those ffactoryes being all under the Goverm^{t}: of the Seer lascar wth: whome they have frequent Correspondance.

Wee have agreed wth: Callawa Chitte y^{t}: M^{r}: Holcombe &^{ca}: shall pay to his ord^{r}: so much as they thinke Reasonable for the ffreight of what you shall lade. wee are

Yo^{r}: Affec^{te}: Friends
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 80.

To M^{R}: HENRY STANLEY CHEIFE &^{CA}:
COUNCILL ATT BALLASORE.

Wee Rec^{d}: M : Stanleys lett^{r}: concerning Capt: Tylers House, of w^{ch}: wee have wrote to the Agent &^{ca}: but we have observed you to bee very Remisse in sending us advices of many occurences w^{ch}: have happined, and must have omitted to Accquaint us it is a Great neglect notwithstanding former admonition whereof you take no notice.

Wee strickley order you to be more carefull for the future, and faile not to advise us of all occurrences w^{ch}: you can judge ꝑper to Remitt when you have occasion to send Patamars to Vizagapatam wee dont mean that upon every triffling occasion you should send Pattamars on purpose but upon Extraordinary Emergents as if the ffrench ships arrive we would have you send us immediate notice wth: as ꝑticular Acco^{t}: of their Ships men &^{ca}: as you can Suddainly learn. wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing ffreinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 81.

To M^{R}: ANDREW GOODMAN
MASTER OF MARY BOWYER.

Haveing laden aboard said Bowyer what design'd, you are ordered on Receipt hereof to Repair on board forthwith and wth: the first oppertunity of wind and wheather to weigh anchor & Sett Saile and make the best of Yo^{r}: way for obtaining the port of Chuttanutte in Bengall where when arrived y^{u}: are to deliver our lett^{r}: herewith deliv^{d}: you as directed to the R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Charles Eyres &c^{a}: Councill in Bengall unto whom you are consigned and whose orders you [are] to ffollow for your unladeing and further proceeding Edward Tench one of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Pillotts of Bengall going wth: you you are to deliver to him the charge of the Bowyer when you are got within Point Pallmeras in order to the Piloting of y^{e}: Bowyer over the Braces and up the River to Chuttanutte avoid speakeing wth: any Ship or Vessell

and ℘ticularly avoid going into Ballasor Road for fear the ffrench ships should be there wee wish you a good voyage, and date this in ffort St : George this 22th: July 1696.

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 82.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 27TH : JUNE 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM HATSELL PRESIDT : OF FORT ST : GEORGE & GOVERNR : OF FORT ST : DAVID &CA : COUNCILL AT FORT ST : DAVID.

℘ David Yatch. This is onely to advise that the King William arrived last night and brought us Yor : Genll : Lettr : datd : 23d : Inst : (&ca : papers) wr : in you advise to have sent Peter Holland att St : David a Prisoner in Irons for haveing deserted his post and Run away wth : his Armes wch : being a crime of a high nature and proper for the Cognizance of a Court Marshall wherein the Judges must ℘ceed upon Evidence wee have thought it fitt to Returne him to you to be tryed by a Court Marshall to be called for what purpose wch : will ℘vent the further troubles of Sending hither not onely the two Peons you mention, but the Corporall Serjt : or any others who cane give Evidence and is more proper, yt : Such a Crimenall bee punished in the place where the Crime is comitted wee have therefore ordered John Campion Master of Sloop St : David to take him aboard, and Deliver him to you. wee are

Yor : Affecte : Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.

Omitted to be entred till now.

No. 83.

TO JOHN CAMPION MASTR : OF ST : DAVID YATCH.

You Are hereby ordered to Receive aboard Yor : Yatch Petre Hollandia at St : David a Prisoner in Irons, and him Safely keep, and upon yr : arrivall att ffort St : David deliver him unto the Order of the Govr : and Councill there for wch : this shall be yr : Warrt : datd : in ffort St : George this 27th: June 1696.

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 21 JULY 1696.

No. 84.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT : OF FORT ST : GEORGE AND GOVR : OF
FORT ST DAVID & CA : AT FORT ST : DAVID.

Wee have this day drawn a bill upon you for two thousand Pags : payable on sight to Punapa Chitte for the Vallue Recd : of Serapa &ca : Merchts : and is to ꝑvent hazard by land Cariage and serve their ꝑsent occasion for procureing Cloth att Worior Pollam and when they bring it from thence by land to ffort St : David thro the Chellumbrum Country if they Request Yor : Assistance of lettrs: for the free passing of their Goods according to Sallabad, lett them have it and when their Goods come to ffort St : David lett them passe hither by boat the ꝑcells being Sealed wth : the Rt : Honble : Compa : Seal and advise us thereof that wee may demand the Custome of all that comes, being upon the Accot : of an Investment which they have contracted to deliver in September. wee are

YOR : affactionte: Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

As occasion Requires you may continue to draw bills upon us.

No. 85.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 27TH: JULY 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : LAURENCE PITT COUNCELLR :
EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA AND GOVERNR : OF NEGAPT :
&CA : COAST CORMANDELL : FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT :
HONBLE : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPA :
HONBLE :

On the 20th: Inst : I recd : Yor : Honrs: lettr : of 14/24 accompanying a pacquet from Jaffnapatam directed to me wch : came from Galle, and was written by the Supracargo and Master. A Country Ship wch : came from China bound for Bombay (unto wch: itt belongs) and at Galle heareing of the ffrench Ships being on the Coast of Mallabar, Staid there for Security the Pacqt onely contains the Accot : of their Voyage butt no manner of news, nor any thing fitt to communicate to Yor : Honr : so yt : I have nothing to add upon this occasion but to Render my humble thanks for Yor : favour wch ; I cannot Requite unless Yor : Honr : will please to lay Yor : Commands upon mee, wch: I shall Readily obay in the mean time will thankfully Repay the Charges occasioned by the forementioned Pacqt :, and by the Sending Cantore hither when Yor : Honr : shall please to advise its Amot :

I have had no advice concerning the ffrench ships since their departure from Suratt nor can I make any judgement of their future design if Yor : Honr : can I pray Yor : Honr : to favour me wth : your advice wch : will further oblidge

Yor : Honr : Affect : ffreind and
very Humble : Servant
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.

No. 86.

FORT ST : GEORGE 30TH : JULY 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT : OF FORT ST : GEORGE AND GOVERNR : OF FORT
ST : DAVID &CA : COUNCILL ATT FFORT ST : DAVID.

Our last was 21th : Inst : adviseing of a bill drawn on you for 2000 Pags : payable to Serapa &ca : Merchts : the Severall Bills mentioned in Yor : of 23 June 3d ; 13th : 14th : Inst : to be drawn on us, are paid Vizt :

To Mr : Thos : Wright	Pags :	120 :
Mr : Richd : Elliott		491
Mr : Danll : Chardin		120
Mr : Stephen Frewen		110 : 28

The Sooping of Pepper is convenient Tho ye : loss is considerable in the weight yet is more saved in the ffreight and Custome wch: would be otherwise paid for Dust in England.

The five Souldrs : wch : you sent and [permitted] to come may Remaine here, and you may send us the Rest of our men before the monsoon.

The Loss in the measure of the Paddy sent you by King William is about 2 ℘ Cent and may arrise partly from Reall wast, and partly from the difference in measureing but the losse upon the Rice is about 10½ ℘ Cent and must proceed Either from an abuse in the measureing or boatmen here or att ffort St : David or the Ship did not deliver all this difficult to find it out ye : Conacople here sais hee delivered 20 garse the Mastr : or Purser not Receiving it by measure say they have delivered all yt : they Recd : and Yor : Concoples have Recd : no more then 17 Garse 358 mer : By what can any of these bee Charged wth : the loss or wch : if the boatmen or Cooleys have stole itt those of Fort St : George or ffort St : David and after this Rate wee shall be allwayes Subject (as wee have allwayes been) to be cheated wth :out a Remedy because the losse cant bee fixt wth : any Certainty upon Either of the partyes there is therefore a necessity of Reducing it to a Certainty Either by agreeing the wast wth ; the mastters when it is shott or by putting a Seal upon Each bagg.

Wee want Mr : Griffiths Accot : and ye : weight of the Seaven Slabs of lead delivd : short by Ship King William.

One of the ministers shall come to you as desired as Yor : Bales can be got Ready and as oppertunity offers before the monsoon send them to us.

Wee have neither wax nor Europe Iron nor can procure any but wee shall send you Red Betelas nails and Paper by the St : David Yatch by wch : conveiyhance Mr : Butterfeild will take his passage.

Wee have not Recd : any particular directions from the Rt : Honble : Compa : for the manner of holding a Court Marshall. InClosed is the Judge Advacates advice we Require from Mr : Heins the Reason why the ffort St : David bookes so often wrote for are not sent this is the last time yt : wee shall demand them of him his old ℘tence of want of writers will not Excuse his neglect.

The King William departed hence on the 5th : Inst : for Vizagapatam to take in their bales wch : will doe some thing towards her Ladeing and we doubt not but wee shall be able to Send her home full and well Laden soon after the monsoon. we are

Yor : very Affecte : Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 87.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 3^{D} : AUG^{T} : 1696.

TO THE WORP^{LL} : CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &C^{A} : COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

Our last was the 17th : past Coppy whereof comes Inclosed since w^{ch} : wee have heard nothing of the ffrench ships if they come to Bengall pray fail not to give us Speedy and perticular advices of all Circumstances of their ℘ceedings so far as you can gain intelligence if [It's] Reported that ffather Tachard wth : 4 or 5 other Jesuites who came wth : him from France upon this ffleet, left it in Surat and imbarked upon a Mores ship, w^{ch} : sailed under Portugeeall Colours in May last for Bengall Enquire and advise whether they arrived in Bengall, and their proceedings Tachard is supposed to bee the Cheife Projector of the Designs of this ffleet. ℘ Ship Diamond.

The Diamond Capt : Laurence Com^{r} : being a good Country Ship wee have sent you by her Chests q^{t} : Rupees Madrass 35000 as ℘ inclosed Invoice and bill of ladeing. wee despair of an opportunity of sending you more this Year and it being late Could not stop ye ship till more is coined otherwise should have sent y^{u} : 20000 : rup more in few dayes Send us 5 or 10 md : of that Cotten thread bought for England and 5 or 10 md : of that sort of Cott̃ : thread of w^{ch} : the ordinary Gurrahs of 24 Co : long and 20 Runces ℘ Corge are made M^{r} : Chardin haveing obtained a warrant from the Court of Admiralty ag[a]inst M^{r} : William Bowridge that he may bee oblidg^{d} : to Answeer his demands in the Court of Admiralty here, the intent thereof is not to compell M^{r} : Bowridge to appear ℘sonally but to answer by an Attorney.

Yo^{r} Affec^{te} : ffreinds.
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT̃ : EMPSON.

No. 88.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 4 AUGUST 1696.

TO THE R^{T} : WORP^{LL} : CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &C^{A} : COUNCILL IN BENGALL :

Wee have this morning Rec^{d} : advice from M^{r} : Soams from Acheen that y^{e} : Mocha ffrigatt men conspaired near Acheen bound for China and Kill'd the Command^{r} : Capt : Edgcome and setting 17 officers and men ashoar who Refused to Join wth : them the Rest are gone with the Ship upon the Privateer Acco^{t} : and they have deClar'd that they will take all ships they meet wth : God preserve honest men from their villanious and bloody hands. The Josia Ketch w^{ch} : was Carryed out of this Road in June last proceeded for Niccabars [for] provisions from whence they designd to proceed for Acheen when they Expected to meet wth : the Mocha ffrigate, wth : whose man an agreem^{t} : was before made att Bombay by the mate of y^{e} : Josia Ketch but God has prevented their wicked design, one James Cruffe the Armorer of Ship ffleet ffrigatt who had been traped into their Company and forced to goe wth : them from hence tooke an oppertunity when the Rest where (all but one) gone ashore to plunder and Murder the Natives of Nicabar, and Cutting the Cable made for Acheen whither itt pleas'd God to direct them not one aboard understanding Navigation and y^{e} : Pirats are left upon the Niccabars where doubtless the Natives will punish y^{m} : Capt : Perriamen makes a trading voyage to Bengall and to Return hither in y^{e} : next northerly monsoon there is occasion for his Return-

ing hither therefore if he desires liberty of passage to England on ye : Russell ffrigatt, you must not grant it him. we are.

Yor : very Affecte : Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 89.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 4 AUGT : 1696.

To MR : HENRY STANLEY
CHEIFE &CA : ATT BALLASORE.

Wee haveing laden Treasure on the Ship Diamond Capt : Laurence Comr : for the Rt : Honble : Compa : Accot : wee would have You give him all Ready assistance upon his Request in procureing and sending him a Pilot to Carry the ship into the River. we are

Yor : Loveing Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 90.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 5TH : AUGT : 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM HATSELL ESQR :
PRESIDT : FORT ST : GEORGE & GOVERNR : OF FORT ST :
DAVID &CA : COUNCILL ATT FORT ST : DAVID.

Sent overland. Wee have Recd : yours of the ℘mo : Inst : our last ordered the sending hither Yor : Bales by the first oppertunity the Cordage by the King William was Invoiced to you as it was Invoiced to us from England at 45s : or 5 Pags : ℘ C : wt : and wee Sell for 5½ and 6 Pags : because nobody will give more, and we had bettr : sell then lett it lye and Spoile.

There is no occasion of writeing to Mr : Soams about the Josia Ketch we Recd : lettrs : Yesterday from him by a Country ship Elizabeth adviseing that she is there, on [e] that was trapand into yt : Company here tooke an oppertunity when the Rest were ashore at Niccabars, to cut the Cable and Carryed the Ketch to Acheen, and hope to see her here in a short time it now appears yt : these Roges had at Bombay agreed wth : the men of the Mocha Frigat to meet here at Acheen, and the Mocas men not meeting the Ketch as Expected put plott in Execution wth : out them & on the 15th : June to the Eastward of Polieway Shot the Comander Capt : Edgecombe when asleep, and Surprised the Rest and set Eighteen ashoar, who Refused to Joine wth : them near Acheen where they now are and wee Suppose will come hither in the Ketch it[s] not known whether these Pyrats will goe their first plot was for the Red

Sea where it is probable they will goe at last and in mean time take any ship they can meet with. wee are,

Yor. : very Affecte : Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 91.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 5TH : AUGT 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : WM : FOSBORGH
GOVR : &CA : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT :
HONBLE : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPA : ATT MALACCA.

Wee addressed Yor : Honr : &ca : wth : a Request for the Seazing of a small Ketch wch : Run away out of this Road on ye : 11th : June last, we are Yesterday advised from Acheen that the said Ketch is there one honest man takeing an oppertunity when ye : Rest wer ashor at Niccabars to Cut ye : Cable, and make for Acheen where she is now safe in our possession. *Via Acheen.*

Wee are Sory that wee have occasion to give yr : Honr : &ca : a further trouble of ye : like nature, wee are Yesterday Advised by a letter from our Resident att Acheen Mr : William Soams datd : 26th : June that on the 15th : June four Leagues to the Eastward of Pollaway the men belonging to ship Moca Frigatt conspired, and shott the Comr : Capt : Leonard Edgecombe asleep in his Cabin in the night, and haveing posted their Accomplices in Severall parts of the Ship, att once Seized the officers, and took poss[ess]ion on the ship, and put 18 men ashore to the Eastward of Acheen wee doubt not but Yor : Honr : &ca : have been advised hereof by Mr : Soams wee will not therefore trouble Yor : Honr : &ca : wth : amoore ꝑticular Relation, but only Request Yor : Honr : &ca : will please to give Such orders and advises as in Yor : wisdome you shall think fitt in order to the Seizing of the [?ship] and to ꝑvent Pyracyes, wch : wee are afraid those Villians will commit upon ships of any nation they meet wth : and can overcome being informed that a Considerable numbr : of that Ships Company were Pyrats in the west Indies.

This ship came out off England in the service of the Rt : Honble : English East India Company and was now bound on a voyage from Bombay to China if she falls into Yor : Honr : Hands we Request yor : Honr : &ca : will be pleased Either to Send the ship men and Goods hither if oppertunity ꝑsents, or to secure them and send us advice, the Charges we shall thankfully Repay.

Wee cane give noe other discription of ye : ship then that she is of about 350 Tons and Carryes 8 Patereros and 28 Guns ye : name of the Seamen who Seized the ship are written in the Inclosed list.

Wee have no Certain advice of the Amot : of the Ships Cargo but suppose she had such Goods as used to be Carryed from Surat to China & treasure Sufficient for ye : purchase of a Cargo in China proper for Surat.

Wee will not use Argumts : to Excite Yor : Honr : &ca : to a Generous Action of a publick concerne but comending yr : Honr : &ca : to Gods protection Remain.

Yor : very Affecte : ffreinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 92.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 5TH : AUG^{T} : 1696.

TO M^{R} : WILLIAM SOAMS
PRESID^{T} : AT ACHEEN.

Via Acheen. Wee give you our thanks for the carefull advices you have Remitted Relateing to the Recovery of Ketch Josia and Seiz^{r} : of the Mocha Frigatt by the ships Company and Observing Yo^{r} : intentions of sending advice to the Govern^{r} : and Councill of Mallacca wee here wth : send you our lett^{r} : to them Requesting their assistance in the Seizing and secureing ship men and Goods or sending them to us if oppertunity presents when you meet wth : a Conveyance send our lett^{r} : to them haveing nothing more to add. We Remain.

Yo^{r} : Loveing Freinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 93.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 7TH : AUG^{T} : 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESID^{T} : OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE AND GOVERN^{R} : OF
FORT S^{T} : DAVID &C^{A} : COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

℘ David Yacht. This serves to Inclose Invoice and bill of ladeing for what laden on S^{t} : David Yacht amo^{t} : P : [*Lacuna in the original*] and to accompany M^{r} : John Butterfeild who haveing finished y^{e} : buissiness w^{ch} : hath hither[to] detained him here comes to you to take his former station in Councill and Employment of Sea Customer and is the needfull from.

Yo^{r} : very Affec^{te} : Freinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 94.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 7TH AUG^{T} : 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : LAURENCE PITT
COUNCILL^{R} : EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA & GOVERN^{R} :
OF NEGAPA^{T} : &C^{A} : COAST CHORMANDELL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T} : HON^{BLE} : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMP^{A} :
HON^{BLE} :

My last was dat^{d} : 27th : past since w^{ch} : I have Rec^{d} : none from Yo^{r} : Hon^{r} :

℘. David Yatch. A Country Ship lately arrived from Acheen brought advice of a villainous Conspiracy among the Seamen of ship Mocha Frigat (belonging to the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Company, wherein they shott Com^{r} : Capt : Leonard Edgecombe asleep in y^{e} : night and took possession of the ship near Acheen as bound upon a voyage from Bombay to China in June last and committing 18 officers and others in a pinnace to the Marcey of a stormy sea (since safe arrived at Acheen) Sailed away

wth : the ship but whither designed is unknown, supposeing it probable if they Continue in those parts or passe into the South Seas they may at one time or other fall within the notice or power of the Honble : Govr : &ca : Councill of Mallacca I sent them our letter by way of Acheen Requesting their Assistance as occasion shall ℘sent and supposing Yor : Honr : may have a bettter oppertunity of sending to Mallacca I herewth : inclose a Duplicate of our said letter wch : I send open under a flying seal for Yor : Honr : ℘ usall (if Yor : Honr : think fitt) and I pray Yor : Honr : to cause the same to be sealed and sent forward by the first Conveiyhance I have Recd : no advice concerning the French ships. I am

Yor : Honrs : Affecte : Freinds and servts :
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.

No. 95.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 7TH : AUGT : 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT : OF FORT ST : GEORGE & GOVR : OF FORT ST :
DAVID &CA : COUNCILL ATT FORT ST : DAVID.

Misr : Butterfeild in the St : David Yatch brings you our letter of this dayes date wth : Invoice and bill of ladeing this Serves to Inclose a letter to Govr Pitt (wch : send forward Sealed) left open under a flying Seall for Yor : perusall. ℘ David Yatch.

Yesterday a letter from Presidt : Anisly &ca : of Surat datd : 4th : June last adviseth that they are not yett Released from their confinement but daily Expect it the Kings orders being given. Wee are.

Yor : very Affecte : Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 96.

FFORT ST : GEORGE 7TH: AUGT : 1696.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM FOSBORGH
GOVR : OF MALLACA &CA : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE RT : HONBLE : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY.

The foregoeing is Duplicate of what sent by way of Acheen this comes Recommended to the Honble : Govr : of Negapatam for Conveyance, and brings Yor : Honr : &ca : the Coppyes of the informations of four men belonging to the Mocha Frigat wch : being not signed and no Authentick proofe yet may furnish Yor : [Honr :] &ca : wth : mattr : of Enquiry if the Ship or any of ye : Piraticall Crew shall fall into Yor : hands. Wee are ℘ David Yatch.

Yor : Honr : &ca : Affecte : ffreinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 97

FORT S^T : GEORGE 13TH: AUG^T : 1696.

TO M^R : SIMON HOLCOMBE :
CHEIFE &C^A : COUNCILL AT VIZAGAP^T :

℘ Ship Elisabeth.

Our last was dat^d : the 17th : past by a Country boat Copy whereof comes Inclosed.

On the 14th : Ins^t : wee Rec^d : advice from M^r : Soams, from Acheen that the Mocha ffrigate men conspired neer Acheen (bound for China) and Killd the Com^r : Capt^t : Edgecombe and setting 17 officers and men ashore who Refused to Join with them, Rest are gone w^th : the Ship upon the Privateer Acco^t : and they have declared that they will take all ships they meet w^th : God ℘serve honest men from their Villanious and bloody hands. The Josia Ketch w^ch : was Caryed out of this Road in June last proceeded for Niccabars for provisions from whence they designed to ℘ceed for Acheen where they Expected to meet w^th : the Mocha Frigat w^th : whose men an agreement was before made at Bombay by the Mate of the Josia Ketch but God has ℘vented their wicked design one James Cruffee the Armorer of ship ffleet Frigat who had been trapand into their Company and forced to goe w^th : them from hence took an oppertunity when the Rest were (all but one) gone ashore to plunder and murder the Natives of Niccabars and Cutting the Cable made for Acheen whither it pleased God to direct them not one aboard understanding Navigation, and the Pirats are left upon the Niccabars where doubtless y^e : natives will punish them.

Wee wrote to the Agent and Councill of Bengall about the hireing of the ship Greyhound to Carry Saltpetre to Bombay lett the Master know that wee Expect the Ketch Josia time Enough for y^t : occasion and therefore have no thoughts of Employing the Greyhound. Wee are.

Yo^r : Loveing Freinds,

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 98.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE 14 AUG^T : 1696

TO THE R^T : WORP^LL : CHARLES EYRE ESQ^R :
AGENT &C^A : COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

Sent overland.

By the first oppertunity by the R^t : Honble : Comp^a : ships send all the Europe Iron you have Reserving only what necessary for Yo^r : ℘sent occasion we want it for the Service of the Garrison.

Yo^r : very Affec^te : Freinds

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^R : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 99.

FORT ST : GEORGE 18TH : AUGT : 1696

TO HIS EXCCY : SR : JOHN GAYER CAPT : GENERALL &
CHEIF DIRECTR : FOR ALL AFFAIRES & FORCES
OF THE RT : HONBLE : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA :
IN INDIA & CA : COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOR : EXCCY :

Wee Recd : Yor : Exccy : &ca : Letter dated 18th : May by Ketch Josia on th 5th : June by which wee understand the miscariage of our large Pacquet sent over land by way of Surat in Septembr : last which containing papers of Great import (coppyes of our lettrs : to and from the Rt : Honble : Compa :) upon the first news of the imprisonment of the Honble : Presidt : &ca : at Surat and Ever since wee have been concerned for its safe Conveighance and thought it not fit to trust another a Pacquet over land for fear of miscariage but Presidt : Annesly &ca haveing sent Pattamars to us by their Returne we have the oppertunity of acquainting Yor : Excy : &ca : that ye : Josia Ketch was on the 11th : June Run away within the night by the mate and five English (the master Sick ashore) but by a Ship arrived from Acheen on 4th : August we are advised by Mr : Soams that She was brought thither by an unskillfull man who left the Rest of the Crew ashore on the Niccobars and the lettrs : brought us the said news of the Mocha Frigats Surprizeall by the ships company to the Eastward of Polyway who exposed Capt : Willock and 17 more (Refuseing to join) in a pinnace who are safe arrived at Acheen and will come hither on the Ketch and two Country ships (driven by Stresse of weather on their passage from Pegu into Acheen) so soon as the winds will permit upon her arrivall wee shall have no occasion to Send her to Bengall for what Yor : Excy : ordered, being Sufficient Supplyed here, and shall send her away so soon as the master will Venture out and by her shall Send Yor : Excy : the needfull advices inclosed in a letter from Capt : Willock wch : wee suppose Gives a particular Accot : of the Mocha Frigat.

Wee have heard no news of the French ships since their departure from Surat if they had gone directly to Bengall wee must have heard of their Arrivall and there was no news of them at Acheen on 6th : July so that we cannot Guess where they are gone unless to Europe (or to some of the Islands between this and Madagascar.)

Inclosed is the Abstract of the Europe news by the Danes Ship wch : came out in Novembr : last and will Returne ye : next mo :

Wee have no ships on this side India but the King William in this Coast the Russell ffrigat in Bengall and the ffleet ffrigat Sent in June last to York ffort (wth : Sufficient Stocke) wee are not willing to Entrust this paper wth : [in] the time of their intended departure, but Yor : Excy : may Rest Satisfied (till more fully advised) that they will be timely dispatched unless ₱vented by some Extraordinary unforeseen disappointment.

The Ships will be dispatched from these parts under the Sailing orders wch : they brot : us & wee conclude the America brought the Same to yr : Exccy :

The Elizabeth alias Fortune is gone to China being sold for 5000 Pags : Recd : under condition of her being delivered to us if occasion Require at her Returne Mr : Dolbin and Mr : Trenchfeild are gone Supra Cargoes.

In March last Zulphaker Cawn demanded ye : loan of 100000 Pags : by Emam Cooley (formerly Employed about the Phirmund) and because we could not Supply him, hee hath ever Since Expresed a disgust upon all occasions hearing and Encourageing complainers, and favouring the Portugees of St : Thoma who lately sent one to desire a ffort the Customes and ffarming of the adjacent aldeas, and they will probably succeed so far as it is in his power to Grant wee hear many Stores yt : Madrass is to be beseidged &ca : but God be thanked hitherto wee have Enjoyed peace and our Garrison is kept in the Redyest posture of Defence.

The Gingerlee Briggantine wch : the mate &ca : Run away from Anjengo, some of the Portugees Souldrs : and Lascars brought her hither in May last being Extreamly defective, wee sent her to Vizagapatam to Repaire but proved so leaky

in the way that the man could not keep her free and therefore they Run her ashore at Pettipollee where part of her stores is Saved, and Sent to Vizagapatam by a hired boat whereof wee have not Yet Rec^{d}: a ℘articular Acco^{t}:

Yo^{r}: Ex^{cy}: Very Hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 100.

FFORT ST. GEORGE 18TH: AUGUST 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: SAMUELL ANNESLY
PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^{E}: R^{T}:
HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: ATT SURAT.
HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: &C^{A}:

Sent overland.

Wee have Rec^{d}: Yo^{r}: Generall Letter dat^{d}: 27th: March 22^{d}: Aprill 9th: May & 4th: June wth: news papers and 5 Coppies and translates of Severall Persia papers Relateing to Yo^{r}: ℘sent troubles whereof you are pleased to favour us wth: a ℘ticular Acco^{t}: wth: the Good news of Yo^{r}: hope of speedy Releasment w^{ch}: yet is allay'd wth: fear of Delay because the time of Year for the Mocha Fleets departure is past wee pray God hasten the time of Yo^{r}: deliverance and can only wish it were in our power to do some thing toward it being Sensible that Yo^{r}: Circumstances may have an influence upon the Govern^{rs}: of other parts of the Mogulls Dominion who observeing the Continuance of the Emperours displeasure may bee Encouraged to treat the English accordingly wee have Ever since found Zulphaker Cawn unfreindly the first Instance appeared in his demaud of the Loan of 100000 Pag^{s}: in March last w^{ch}: because wee could not comply wth: he hath taken occasion to Express his disgust in Many Instances but wee thanke God hitherto we have Enjoyed peace.

In Septemb^{r}: last we sent Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: a large Pacq^{t}: q^{t}: 130 Sheetes of Paper Coppies of Severall letters to and from the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}:, and other Papers of importance directed to his Exc^{cy}: by one of our Peons whose name is Ponkula Ragana in Company wth: two Returning Surat Peons Raggana Has a family and Relations here who have never heard of him since. The miscariage of that Pacquet has made us forbear Ventureing any more by land not knowing into whose hands they may fall wee send inclosed an Extract of a few Danish Gazeets w^{ch}: the Danes Ship brought from Europe in Novem^{r}: last wth: a sad Acco^{t}: of the Losse of severall India ships Returning.

Ship Elizabeth alias Fortune is Gone to China being sold for 5000 Pag^{s}: Rec^{d}: under condition of the Ships being delivered to us if occasion Require at her Returne.

In May last Gingerlee Briganten was brought in hither by some of the Portugees Sould^{rs}: of Rhetoras who were put aboard to Serve as Lascars and gave us an Acco^{t}: that in Rhetorah Road when the Master was ashore the Mate Contrived wth: two others, and Cut the Cable & Sailed away whereof one dyed in the way and the other two goeing ashore about Sadraspatam they brought the Sloop hither which wanting Repair we Sent her to Vizagapatam but in the way made so much water that the Master Run her ashore att Pettipollee to save their lives.

Ketch Josia being in this Road design'd to proceed for Bengall the Master being sick ashoar the mate getting 3 English men of other ships Run away wth: her on 11th: June and by lettr^{s}: from Acheen dated 6th: July wee are advised that the

Armorer of the ffleet Frigat wth: one English man and the Lascars brought her hither from the Niccabars where they left all y^{e}: Rest being gone ashore to plunder and Rob the poor natives, the same letter^{s}: advise the said Accident of the Mocha Frigat men conspireing Murthering the Command^{r}: and Seizing the ship a little to the Eastward of Polliway on the 18th: June last putting Capt: Willock and 17 others in a pinnace to shift for themselves whom it pleas'd God to bring safe to Acheen.

Itt is not known w^{t}: course these Pirats will Steer but it was discoursed among them that they would goe to Mohelia, and after that to the Red Sea.

The five Persia papers w^{ch}: you sent have Been translated by some Skill full in the language Coppes Whereof wee send you. Wee are.

Y^{r}: Affect^{e}: Freinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 101

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 20TH: AUG^{T}: 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: HATSELL
PRESID^{T}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AND GOVERN^{R}: OF
FORT S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}: COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Wee Rec^{d}: Yo^{rs}: of 12th: (with Papers) adviseing y^{r}: payment of Pag^{s}: 2000 to Serapa &c^{a}: Merch^{ts}: ord^{r}: supposeing you have not present occasion of money because Yo^{r}: Merch^{ts}: have Refused to Contract & our Merch^{ts}: desireing us to supply y^{m}: wth: 2000 Pag^{s}: more for Carrying on the Investment they have begun in these ℘^{ts}:, wee have drawn another bill on you for the same sum payable at sight to Punnapa Chitte for the Vallue wee have Rec^{d}: of them. If Yo^{r}: Merch^{ts}: will make any considerable Contract, and shall object our Merch^{ts}: tradeing at Wooriar and other places near Yo^{r}: bounds is an impediment to them, advise us and we will take care that as soon as they have finished the ℘ sent small Contract of 2000 Pag^{s}: they shall not interfere wth: Yo^{r}: Merch^{ts}: bussiness but so long as Yo^{rs}: Refuse to Contract, wee think it better to lett ours Provide Cloth where they can gett it Rather then goe wth: out these parts do afford very little Longcloth and Sallampores. Sent overland

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: order that upon the Arrivall of Liev^{t}: Hugonin one of our Liev^{t}: should for some time goe to ffort S^{t}: David and then Returne hither, and Liev^{t}: Hugonin to go thither wth: his Company of Switz &c^{a}: in complyance where wth: Liev^{t}: Sinclar was sent wth: a small ℘ty but Liev^{t}; Hugonin brought wth: him too small a number to make a Comp^{a}: and our Garrison cannot Spare An Entire Company and you have very neer as many Europe men as wee so that the order cannot [be] Executed as intended lett Liev^{t}; Sinclar be sent to us wth: the Europe men w^{ch}: he Carryed, and ten more by y^{e}: first oppertunity and by y^{e}: Returne of the same Vessell wee will send Liev^{t}: Hugonin to you wth: ten of his new men to make the more Equall mixture.

Wee shall send you planke as oppertunity ℘ sents advise us what freight planke paid by the King William there was charged 9 fa: too much on the Cordage Sent you by Ship King William ℘ C w^{t}: for w^{ch}: the Acco^{t}: is ordered to Creditt you Pag^{s}: 5 : 30 : 4 :

Wee have delivered M^{r}: Griffith his Acco^{t}: to answere and till wee Receive that can say nothing to it.

Wee Returne you the Coppy of Mr : Hains paper Relateing to the Generall bookes and desire you to give us Yor : opinion whether it was not in the power of Mr : Heins to have Coppyed or gott Coppied the bookes E : as to the bookes F Ending Aprill 1696 : hee says nothing of them so that it is probable they are not done lett Mr : Butterfeild Mr : ffarmer and all others who are Capable of giveing Assistance Set to it with Mr : Haynes untill the Ballance of bookes F is finished and then send us the Accot : Currant (Journall & Ledger Entryes) and yr : ffoot of Proffit an[d] Loss if Yor : Bookes go home wth : out it, wee shall all be blamed for Mr : Haynes his fault and because Mr : Haynes complains that he hath been hindred by other business lett him be Excused from all other Except the necessary attendance on Consultation till the Bookes be brought up. We are.

Yor : Affecte : Freinds
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 102

FORT ST : GEORGE 31ST. AUGT : 1696

TO THE WORPLL : JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE & CA : COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO

Sent ℘ Country Boat. Our last was datd : 21th : May last Coppy whereof comes inclosed since wch : wee have not heard of Henry Wright and Manuell Markarine on the 5th : Inst : wee Recd : Yors : datd : in June last wherein you advise us the ℘parations you are makeing for the Speedy finishing of ye : ffortification, the occasion you have for workemen Souldrs : and money.

Wee have by this Parra belonging to Yor : place sent you as many workemen as the Parra could conveniently Carry according to A list wch : followes and by the Josia Ketch or other conveyance wee shall send you more, and some Soulds : and money.

The ffreighter of Ship Eagle and Experiment gained so little by those two voyages that wee cannot Expect they will be perswaded to any further Considerable Adventure.

You have not advised us the particular difference between Silver, Gold Chequeen Rupees, and Pags : we shall send severall sorts, advise us particularly abot : Silver because it may some times be in our power to send you some wn : wee cant gett other sorts.

The Gingerlee Brigantine proved so leaky that the men Run her ashore in fair weather at Pettipolle to save their lives where she is lost but severall of her stores are saved and sent to Vizagapatam whereof wee have not yet had ye : Accot :

The Josia Ketch was Run away wth out of this Road on the 11th : June but wee are advised from Acheen of her being safe there in Good hands, that will bring her hither as soon as the winds ℘mit. Wee Expect her daily the Ships Company of the Mocha ffrigat on the 17th : June last conspired and murthered the Commandr : Capt : Edgecombe and seized ye : Ship to the Eastward of Acheen Mr : Willock wth : 17 others who Refused to join we[r]e exposed to the Mercy of a turbulent sea in a Pinnace, and by God's good providance are arrived Safe at Acheen. These workemen come upon a Parra belonging to Raja Cayum cullum whereof Prince Murcawn is Nocqueda for whose Passage you are to pay 22 Rupees unto Vandeny as Nadan ffactor of the Parra according to an agreemt : made wth : and delivered unto him.

List of the Workemen Viz^{T}:

Mootepa . . .	2 : 6 : ꝑ men	Nellaina . . .	2 : 6 : ꝑ men :
Sidoo Veangullum	D^{o}.	Tirumloo . . .	D^{o}.
Nella	D^{o}.	Dormania . . .	D^{o}.
Narrain	D^{o}.	Namcapa . . .	D^{o}.
Murregan . . .	D^{o}.	Andeapa . . .	D^{o}.
		Sheva Shangura .	D^{o}.
		Milapore Mullappa	D^{o}.
		13 Arralapa . .	D^{o}.

Chingee Ninapa . . .	2 : 6 : ꝑ men :	
Tonapa	D^{o}.	Carpendr^{s}:
Gruapa	D^{o}.	
Vincataputte	D^{o}.	Smith.
Peramunde	D^{o}.	
Venatetana	D^{o}.	
Peramunde	D^{o}.	Stone Cutt^{rs}:
Vincatapute	D^{o}.	
22 Verapa	D^{o}.	

Inclosed is the Paym^{rs}: Acco^{t}: of moneys Imprest to the 22 workeman mentioned in the foregoing list and two Cheif workemen whom you sent hither and now Returne with the Rest Amo^{t}: in all to Pag^{s}: 153 for w^{ch}: you must Credit Yo^{r}: Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: Yo^{r}: Peon allso Returns wth: the workeman to whom nothing is here paid. wee are,

Yo^{r}: Affec^{te}: Freinds

Nath^{LL}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Rog^{R}: Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Matt: Empson.

No. 103

Fort S^{T}: George 31ST: Aug^{T}: 1696

To the Worp^{LL}: Adrian Visser
Cheif &c^{A} Councill for Affairs of the R^{T}:
Hon^{BLE}: Netherlands East India Comp^{A}: in Pollicatt.

Last night one Thomas Gullock an English man made his Escape from prison to w^{ch}: he was committed for a Considerable Sum w^{ch}: he was indebted to Severall Merch^{ts}: of this place who lately Entrusted him wth: Consignm^{ts}: in a voyage to Succadana we have some Reason to suspect that he is gone for Pollicat wth: intention to make his Escape upon the Danes Ship whereof one Jno: Morgan an Englishman is Command^{r}: or Pilott and as wee hear bound for y^{e}: streights of Mallacca between whome there has been a former Acquaintance, when they were Privateer [s] together in one ship in the West Indies and fearing when oppertunity offers the said Gullock may Returne to his old trade wee are y^{e}: more importunate wth: Yo^{r}: Worp^{ll}: &c^{ca}: y^{t}: you will please to take the more Effectuall Course to ꝑvent his Escapeing upon y^{e}: said ship or any other and to Cause due Search to be made for him in Pollicatt and if he can be found cause him to be Seized and Secured, and upon notice wee will send people to Receive him into our custody and will thankfully Repay the Charges he is of midle Stature well set not corpulent his complextion brown inclining to Yellowish, his face full of Pockholes, black hair, not long curlings at the Ends, black Eyes, Eyebrowes large, and hanging over hee Speaks

Dutch Mallay's and Portuguese. We shall Readily serve Yo^{r} : Worp^{ll} : &^{ca} : on a like occasion and Remaine

Worp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Yo^{r} : Affec^{te} : Freinds and Servants

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
MA^{TT} : EMPSON.

No. 104.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM FOSBORGH
GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T} :
HON^{BLE} : NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY IN MALLACCA

This incloses a Duplicate of a letter w^{ch} : wee have sent to Yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : by way of Acheen and by way of Negapatam dated 5th : Ins^{t} : concerning Ship Mocca ffrigate whereunto wee have nothing to add upon that Subject haveing Rec^{d} : no further advise.

Last night one Thomas Gullocke an Englishman mad his Escape from our prison to w^{ch} : he was committed for a considerable sume w^{ch} : hee was indebted to severall Merch^{ts} : of this place who Entrusted him wth : their Consignments in a voyage to Succadania upon the Ship Success, wee have some Reason to Suspect that he intends to make his Escape upon the Danes ship w^{ch} : is now at Pollicate and is bound as wee hear for the Streights of Mallacca and the Rather because one John Morgan an Englishman is Commander or Pillot of said Ship who formerly was a Companion of the said Gullock in a Privater ship in y^{e} : west Indies w^{ch} : sort of men are Generlly inclined to Returne to their old trade w^{n} : necessity an oppertunity urge them to it wee have therefore desired the Worp^{ll} : Chief and Councill at Pollicatt to prevent his Escapeing upon the said Ship, but if it shall happen that he shall notwithstanding proceed, wee pray Yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : will please to cause the said Gullocke to bee seized and secured if hee shall come within Yo^{r} : power, the Charges whereof wee shall thankfully Repay wee doubt not but hee is well known to Severall in Mallacca haveing been there severall times particularly in June 1695 wth : y^{e} : Ship Success whereof he was master However the ffollowing discription will help to discover him hee is of middle Stature well set not Corpulent, his complection brown inclining to Yellowish, his face full of Pockholes Black hair, not long curling at the Ends black Eyes his Eye brows large and hanging over, he Speaks, Dutch Malays and Portugees.

Our last letter from Bengall dated the 22^{d} : June last, advise that there were no ffrench ships arrived in Bengall and that their Ship Postilion w^{ch} : was fitted out for the Sea was unwrigged, and laid up at Ballasore. Wee Remaine

Honble : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Yo^{r} : very Affection^{te} : ffreinds
and Humble Serv^{ts} :

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MA^{TT} : EMPSON.

No. 105.

FORT St : GEORGE 31st : Augt : 1696

TO THE HONble : CLAUS VOGHT GOVR :
&cA : COUNCILL FFOR AFFAIRES THE ROYALL
DANISH COMPA : AT TRIMGOMBAR.

HONble : &cA :

An Englishman Thomas Gullock who came out in the service of the Rt : Honble : English East India Company haveing last night made his Escape from our Prison to wch : he was committed by order of our Court of Justice for a considerable sum̃ : wch : he was indebted to severall Inhabitants and not knowing whither he is gone, but Supposeing by Severall circumstances that he intend to make his Escape for Europe and haveing heard that one of Yor : ships is suddainly to depart wee trouble Yor : Honr : &ca : wth : this notice, and our Request that you will please not to ꝑmitt him to take a passage upon said ship and if he comes within Yor : power that you please to seize and secure him and give us notice, and wee will send people to Receive him into our Custody,

Hee is of middle stature well sett not Corpulent his complextion brown inclining to Yellowish, his face full of Pockholes black hair not long curling at the Ends black Eyes and his Eyebrowes hanging over hee speaks Dutch Mallayes and Portugees wee commend Yor : Honr : &ca : to Gods ꝑtection and Remaine

Yor : Honr : &ca : Affecte : Freinds
and Servants

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 106.

FFORT St : GEORGE 11TH SEPTR : 1696.

TO THE HONble : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT : OF FORT St : GEORGE AND GOVERNR : OF
FORT St : DAVID &cA : COUNCILL OF FORT St : DAVID.

Wee Recd : Yors : of 28th : past and 7th : Instant Inclosed in a Coppy of our late contract wth : Serapa &ca : the twelve ꝑ Cent allowed them above the said Contract prices for so much as should be Embaled in this month of Septembr : was done to get us as much cloth as wee could for the ladeing of a ship home this month and they give fair promisses of bringing in 300 Bales but they have hitherto delivered to the washer not above 104 bales so that they will certainly faile in the quantity for wch : they alledge Severall impediments both at Wooriar and in these parts occasioned by the disturbance wch : ye : Moratta Armies have made in all parts but one Great Reason is because the weavers in these parts have been so long used to the makeing of Manilla longcloth and Sallumpores that they will not be ꝑswaded to alter their Loomes and all that they have hitherto made proves so bad and thin, that the merchants will not provid any more of those sorts here, and Endeavour to ꝓvide all the Course Goods at Wooriar and Indeed that wch : they have brought from thence, doth farr Exceed any that hath been Sorted in this Godown for many Years and they Affirme that there may at least 30000 : (or) 40000 Pags : be Yearly provided if this be true, the Provision of Goods in that place is w : out doubt to bee incouraged for there is a very Considerable difference in the Cloth the question will bee, by whome it ought to be provided, the Merchts : of Fort St : George or

Fort St : David and if there were nothing more to be considered it would bee a plain case that they only should be Employed if they would, and could undertake it, and carry it on but we desire you to consider with us.

1 : That in all our Contracts wee must Endeavour the putting of as many Europe Goods as possible but you seem to bee of ye : opinion that Yor : Merchts : cannot take of any more, because they have still Remaining unsold the halfe of wt : they Recd : about two Years agoe.

2. Respect is also to be had to the Contracters that they be Responsible and Substantiall Merchts : and versed in the trade of the place.

3. Tho Yor : Merchts : possibly may have brought Goods from thence, yet they have never brought in any of this sort but hitherto both the Cloth of Fort St : David and ffort St : George has been for the Greatest part inferior to No : 1 and very little of that wch : has been taken in for No : 2 : has been Really Equall in all Respects to our Muster No : 2 our Merchts : have now undertaken this method that they may provide better and if they succeed in it and settle a Correspondence there, so that they shall be able to carry on further contracts and if they should offer such proposealls as ought to bee accepted, it would bee un-Reasonable and discouraging to throw ym : off and quitt the business wholly to the ffort St : David Merchts : unless these should make the better offers as probably they will now because comepetiors and other Merchts : allso in Fort St : George of wch : competition wee make a Good use if it be not our own faults and therefore if Yor : Merchts . make any proposealls dont conclude wth : them till you have advised us, and wee will also advise you that wee may mutually consider what is best for the publick Interest.

Yesterday the St : David Yacht brought us Livett : Sinclar and 15 Souldrs : wth : 40 bales and 19 bags pepper the ffreight whereof is made Good to the owners Correspondt : inclosed is Invoice and bill of Ladeing for those things wch : you sent for wee have no wheat but have also sent you 15 baggs of the best could be bought you have had your share of the large fflints however wee send you 1000 we also [send] you 3 Casks of salt porke and caske of salt beefe, being part of what was severall month since put up for a Garrison Store and ought to bee spent while Good. The Yacht wee hope will be wth : you time Enough to Returne we : Yor : bales.

Wee have drawne a bill upon you of this date for one thousand Pags : payable to Punnapa Chitte or Ramapa Chittee for Accot : of Serapa &ca : Merchts :

Mr : Vicessimus Griffith alledging that he cannot give a direct Satisffactory answer to his Fort St : David accot : wth : out the Paymaster and Sea Customer bookes of accot : and Accot : Currt : for the time he officiated in those Employments wee desire you will send them hither by the first oppertunity. We are

Yor : very Affecte : Freinds

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGR : BEADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOS : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET.

No : 1 . Genll : lettr : dated 11th : Septr ; 1696
2 Invoice [? of] St : David Yacht
3 Bill of Lading of Ditto
4 Coppy of a Contract made wth : Serapa &ca : Merchts :
5 List of Souldrs :

No. 107.

A PARDON FROM THE LIEU^{T} : GEN^{LL} : AND COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE TO M^{R} : THOMAS GULLOCK FOR BREAKING PRISON.

Whereas Thomas Gullocke an Englishman, and Servt : to the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Comp^{a} : haveing been sentenced by vertue of the Judgem^{t} : of Court to pay unto his Creditors ye : sum̃ : of about four thousand Pag^{s} : after due allowance made him, for the vallue of his ship and Cargo, and being confined to prison in order to the discharging thereof did on the 30th : Aug^{t} : last in the night break prison, and make his Escape to or near S^{t} : Thoma where he now Remaines, and Refuses to Returne.

Now wee the Liev^{t} : Gen^{ll} : of India for Affaires of the R^{t} : Honble : English East India Comp^{a} : and the Councill of Fort S^{t} : George doe by this Royall Maj^{ty} : Charter to the said Comp^{a} : and from them derived to us, by their Commission, promise, and if the said Thomas Gullock shall upon Receipt hereof Returne to ffort S^{t} : George, wee do hereby pardon and Acquit the said Thomas Gullock from any Penalty or punishment for breakeing prison and escapeing as aforesaid he submitting himselfe to the laws and Customs of the English in Cases of Debt given under our hands, and the Seal of the R^{t} ; Honble : East India Comp^{a} : in ffort S^{t} : George this 11th : day of Sep^{r} : 1696.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 108.

FFORT S^{t} : GEORGE 26TH: SEP^{R} : 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM HATSELL PRESID^{T} : OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE AND GOVERN^{R} : OF FORT S^{T} : DAVID & C^{A} : COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

Our last was 11th : Ins^{t} : since w^{ch} : wee have Rec^{d} : Yo^{rs} : of 14th : wth : Acco^{t} Curr^{t} : and Proff : and Loss wee yet hear nothing of Bartho^{t} Rodrigos Parr, by w^{ch} : you intended to send y^{e} : Pepper.

Yesterday Ship Greyhound arrived from Vizagapatam wth : out lett^{rs} : but the Master adviseth that he departed from thence on the 15th : Ins^{t} : and that the King William was to sail on that or the next day so that we Expect her daily and hope she will bring wth : her so many bales as will enable us to compleat her ladeing upon her arriveall Especially if we shall in due time Receive a hundred bales more from you, but if we can fill her up wth : out them, wee shall not att this uncertaine Season detaine her longer then is necessary, for her ladeing for the sake of Yo^{r} : bales, or bookes, we are

Yo^{r} : very Affec^{te} : freinds
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 109.

ffort St : George 30th : Septr : 1696.

To the Honble : William Hatsell.

Presidt : of Fort St : George and Governr : of Fort St : David &ca : Councill of Fort St : David.

Our last was 26th : Inst : last night comes Yors : of 22th: and 26th : Inst : wth : Invoice and bill of ladeing for 61 bales laden on St : David Yacht, and Invoice of 43 bales, and 164 bags of Pepper on a Par wee are sorry that ye : Yacht was forced to Returne and that yo[u] have no other oppertunity of sending th[e] bales to us wee shall want them for the King William and itt is doubtfull whether this uncertain weather will allow her to call att Yor : port, to take them in however lett them be Ready, and as many mor[e] as you can ℘cure that if a favourable sta[te] present for her touching you may put yt : aboard wth : Expedition but if you meet wth : a good oppertunity, in the mean time send them to us.

The Par by wch : you sent bales and Peppr : doth not yet appear nor the boat wth : ye : Madras Merchts : Goods.

Ginghams of 16 : co and 40 : co and fine morees are Esteemed fine Goods in our contracts, tho it is not Suppos'd that the Merchts : gain so much by them as by the beteelas.

Wee observe Yor : answer to the 3 propositions as to the 1st : tis time Yor : Merchts : pd : dearer for the Europe Goods they took, then ours doe the price hath falne in two Years, and tis our opinion yt : if they or any other Merchts : will take off any considerable quantitys ye : price must still bee abated but still wn : wee make contracts there must bee a Regard had to the putting of Europe Goods if possible, and that is better then to trust to the uncertain salle of Fort St : George Godowne.

2d : Wee Esteem Yor : Merchts : Responsible, and wish wee could find out in Fort St : George a Company more Responsible then they.

3d : Wee gladly take notice of what you informe us that the Cloth now provided by our Merchts : att Wooriar Pollam is the Exact sorts wch : have been made for Dutch for a long time, for, many Years the distinction has Run thus when a peice of Good cloth is shown, it is called the Dutch sort, and a bad piece the English cloath both by the Natives and our selves and if the provision of this ℘cell of Cloth att Wooriar pollam will show us the way of makeing the English and Dutch sort alike it will prove a Good Service to the Rt : Honble : Compa ; and Provision of that Cloth is to be Encouraged, and promoted by such men and in such manner as will best answer the End Concerning wch : you promise us Yor : further thoughts.

In the mean time wee are to advise you that a small Country Ship from Bengall arrived on 27th : Inst : and brought us a Genll : lettr : from the Agent &ca : adviseing that there is an Interloper, the Antelope Edwd : Clyves Supra Cargo arrived there, who gives advice of 4 Ships of the Rt : Honble : Compa : designed for Surat and Persia, and 3 for this Coast and Bengall, and one f[. . .] wch : were Ready many months [. . .] and therefore wee may Suddainly [? expect] their arrivall they will probably [? bring] us more Europe Goods and Stock to [? be in]vested for their laiding and itt mus[t be] our immediat consideration how to ℘v[ide] Goods Enough to dispatch at least one [in] Janry : wth : Coast Goods but wee Expect th[ere] will be another allso to be filled up fro[m] the Bay and therefore wee must as soo[n] as possibly wee can make contracts, [and] the larger the better Especially becau[se] this Interloper Spreads Reports of mor[e] comeing if so ℘haps one may come upon the Coast, and it is our duty to doe all yt : lyes in our power, to defeat, and disappoint their designe.

Mr : Clyves hath advised yt : there was a plott in England for the Murdering of the King on the 25th ; ffebry : last but by Gods Good providence it was discovered the day before ; & prevented, and itt appeared that King James was Ready wth ; an Army of 30,000 men and transport Ships on the Coast of ffrance to make a descent into England.

Our Spy Bramine att the Campe adviseth that the Nabob went out about 8 dayes since from Arcott w^th^ : his army to fight the Morattas, whom 25,000 a part of w^ch^ : Army Encounted w^th^ : David Cawn and surrounded the Moors Camp. The Nabobs provisions being Spent (after he had sent messages to Santogee Gurpoora) mad his way through the thinest of the Morattas, and came to Arcott 3 dayes agoe it is said Santogee is gathering all his men to beseige Arcott if he bee in earnest they will probably bee to hard for the Moors for they are five to one but there hath hither to seemd to be an understanding between the Nobob and Morattas and ℘haps twill end onely in a Good piscash.

The King William being pester'd w^th^ : freight Goods, w^ch^ : must be unladen, and the weather being uncertaine wee cannot fix a day for her dispatch, but wee conclude She cannot saile from hence in 12 dayes if you send any bales order y^e^ : Vessell to looke out for the King William and if they meet to deliver the Goods w^th^ : Invoice, an[d] to take a bill of ladeing w^ch^ : must be inclosed in a letter to the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ : but y^n^ : some ℘son must bee sent w^th^ : those Goods who is capable of doeing it.

If our Merch^ts^ : shall bring in any more Goods from Wooriarpollam, [? which if you] cannot ℘sently meet w^th^ : an opp[ert]unity of sending hither you may Recei[ve and] Embale brown, so many peices of [?long]cloth and Sallampores as you shall [find] fitt for that purpose, and Either se[nd] them hither or lade aboard the Ki[ng] William in same manner as you [may] find occasion to dispose of Yo^r^ : ow[n] bales Invoicing that Cloth apa[rt. wee] are.

Yo^r^ · very Affec^t^ : F[reinds]
NATH^LL^ H[IGGINSON].
JOHN STY[LEMAN].
WILLIAM FRASE[R].
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^R^ : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 1.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE [. . .]

TO THE R^T^ : WORP^LL^ : CHARLES EYRE AGENT
&C^A^ : COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

On the 27th : past Ship Anne broug[ht] your Generall Letter dated 25th : August ℘ship Anne. and on 30th : D[^o^] : Mar[y] brought us your Gen^ll^ : Letter dated 3^d^ : September with the papers according to the respective Lists.

We are sensible of the necessity of keeping two Sloops for the service of the R^t^ : H : Comp^a^ : ships in Bengall ; Experience [? proves] that you cannot hire vessells when occasion requires. [. . .] as you desire wee shall either return the Mary Buoyer or se[nd] the Josia Ketch to you. But the latter being not yet arrived w[ee] cannot determine which. If she doth not arrive we must th[en] send the Mary Buoyer forward to Bombay from whence we suppose his Excell^y^ : &c^a^ will return her to you with all expedition. Wee thank the Owners of the Greyhound for the kind offer of her service upon this occasion.

You give very good reasons for fortifying [. . .] [and it has] been the R^t^ : H : Comp^s^ : designes for many years to [have a] ffortifycation in Bengall according to the [design] concerted by Agent Charnock, and since the [. . .] emprove this oppertunity for that purpose [. . .] by the R^t^ : H : Comp^a^ : that we do not neglect it [. . .] advised we have no Engineer that can [. . .] ffortifycation according to the Rules of Art and the[refore] must leave it to you to ffortifye in such manner a[?s you may] judge best. Wee did not apprehend you intend[ed to fortifie a] building in a place distant from the ffactory [. . .] Letter of the 23^d^ April expressly mention [. . .] design & proposall was to

make if [. . .] ffactory, and if that can be mad [. . .] we are of opinion that it will be better to save then loose the money w[ch] it hath cost (at least 7,000 Rupees) and it will be less observed by the Government.

Wee gladly observe that you are able to maintain a freindship with the Government and with the rebell Raja also in time of warr. The rule holds good in generall, That Traders in India ought to maintain a freindship or at least a nutrality with both parties, and not espouse the quarrell of either openly. But it seems you have managed the business by a higher strain of policy, assisting neither and yet makeing the Moors beleive that you assisted them, and the Raja that you are his freind. Tho' this is a very nice point and difficult to maintain long without giving occasion of jealousy to one or other yet we think you ought to prosecute this method as long as you can, and, if at last things happen so that you find a necessity of declareing for or takeing part with one, you must by all possible means maintain your freindship w[th]: the Moors and not act any thing contrary unless you shall be compelled by a necessity of present preservation.

Wee are sorry there is an Interloper come to disturb and impede your business at this unhappy Juncture. It is doubtless our Duty to do all that lyes in our power to defeat & disapoint their proceedings concerning w[ch]: we need not add to what the R[t]: H: Comp[a]: have ordered in their Gen[ll]: to Bengall dated 6th: March 1694, Parag: 21.

Wee don't ꝑceive whether Cap[t]: Blundell intends to call here or no. Hee ought to call for orders and for Company. [We] observe his Protest and your answer. Wee cannot tell [? what qua]ntity of each sort of Goods are Laden aboard that should make him complain. If you have dealt to h[?ard with] the ship in giving her too many round Bales and su[? ch] as make great breakage, if the Comãnder will in beha[lf of] himself and owners enter into Bond to save the R[t]: H: Co[mp[a]:] harmless from all Demorage from the time of his disp[atch]. Lett something be done to mend his Lading, for two reasons 1st. Because the owners ought not to be discouraged by filling up their ships with such Goods only as will make their tonage fall short, when it can be prevented. Indeed they s[h[d]] all fare alike. 2[d]. Such Lading will make the ship Cranke a [nd] so endanger ship & cargo to prevent which it had been better to have bought 500 or 1000 m[d]: Pepper to have filled up betw[een] the Bales below to make the Ship stiff. But wee suppose the ship will be gone ere this comes to your hands.

We are glad the Diamond has escaped the danger and hope you have received the money by her.

Since you find that your Markets cannot t[ake] off Europe Cloth wee will not send you any more from hen[ce . . .] advise us. Pray use your utmost endeavours [. . .] of what you can. But if you cannot, rather then [? keep it] in your Godowns where it will be exposed to more ha[? zard] you may return to us so much as you have not a [. . .] of vending in a years time.

Wee shall depend upon you for the lading of the Fleet fr[igate] for England. If before her departure you shall [have] received Directions for new private sailing [. . .] cannot dispatch her before the middle of Jan[uary] Comand[r]: orders to touch here in his way [. . .] sailing orders or for Company.

Wee don't know whether you advised M[r]: Holcomb concerning the Postilion, but wee found it so entred in the Vizagap[m]: Diary.

Wee don't deny to have received the acco[t]: or List of M[r]: Peachey's Goods signed by M[r]: Cormell, but we deny that you have ever given an answer to what we wrote in ours of 24th June 1695, for want of w[ch]: we cannot proceed with M[r]: Peachie. On the first Leisure day when other more necessary business will permit, let the Councill meet and peruse that part of our s[d]: Letter which relates to that matter with yo[r]: answer of 14th August 1695 and you will find that you have answered only to one question, Viz[t]: concerning M[r]: Peachies refuseing to deliver remains &c[a].—but you have not sent a valuation of the Maulda goods, nor an acco[t]: of the Maulda Bills w[ch]. M[r]: Peachie ordered M[r] Bowridge to deliver.

The ffleet frigat will probably bring you 4 or 500 bahar of Pepper, perhaps more. If there be no other ship to be dispatched and it be necessary for compleating the Ships Tonnage she may take it all, but if there be another ship to be dispatched she ought to have a share ; or if you can otherwise fill up the ship, you may keep some for the next. Wee hear that Pepper is now sold in Bengall at 9 or 10 Rup^{s} : ℔ m^{d} : if you want goods to make up a ships Lading, we think you ought to buy it, we having the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : orders for buying at above 20 Pag^{s} : ℔ Candy, and we have bo^{t} : above 1000 Candy here and at Fort St David. Besides your buying may prevent the Interlopers, who will otherwise, probably buy it.

Mr George Crook deceasd having many acco^{ts} : depending with Merchants of this place, to adjust which his widow [desi]reing to come hither and having made request by her relations that she may have liberty of bringing her Childr[en] and ffamily to reside here, wee have consented that she may with her family take her passage on any of the R^{t} : H Comp^{a} : [ships] bound hither.

Lieutenant Seaton who marryed the widow of Thomas Mackrith dec^{d} : desireing to have an acco^{t} : of the salary of [M^{r}] Mackrith payable in England, Lett the Accomptant send us a copy thereof signed as it stands in the Gen^{ll} : Books.

Wee have very little Salt petre and know not how soon we may want. If there comes more Ships then you can dispatch for England in Jan^{y} : or ffebruary send them hither Laden with Salt petre Grain &^{ca} stores wrote for, and if it sho[uld] happen that you can dispatch no more Ships this year then the Fleet ffrigat reserving enough for her Lading send the remaining bales to us by the R^{t} : H : Comp^{s} : ships, w^{ch} : may enable us to dispatch a ship from hence in ffebruary.

If you shall not have one of the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : s[hip]s to s[end] hither with Salt petre, send us as much as you [? can in the] Country Ships in the months of December and Jan[uary ? at the] rate of 20 ℔ Cent freight, w^{ch} : will be much cheaper [? then to] buy salt petre here, as we shall be compelled to do if [you] supply us not. Wee are

Your Affect : fre[inds]

NATH^{LL} : H[IGGINSON]
JOHN S[TYLEMAN]
WILLI[AM FRASER]
FRA[NCIS ELLIS]
[. . .]

No. 2.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM HATSELL PRESID^{T} : OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE AND GOV^{R} : OF FORT S^{T} DAV^{D} &C^{A} COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T} DAVID.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 3^{D} OCTOBER 1696.

Wee this day rec^{d} : yours of 29th past adviseing that in a short time you shall **Pattamar Overland** have 124 Bales ready either to be sent hither or put aboard the King William. By our last of the 30th past, we desired you to send hither as many bales as you can, if oppertunity presented, or to keep them ready for the King William if wee should find occasion to send her to you to fill up. Also to receive what Cloth our Merchants sho^{d} : bring in, and embale as many peices of Longcloth and Salampores brown as are fitt for that purpose which we confirm.

And because we cannot tell but there may be occasion for more Bales to fill up the King William, let all the Cloth that our Merchants shall bring to you, besides what you embale brown be delivered to the Washers & embaled that they may be ready also for the King William, sorting them as you do your own, makeing due abatements for want of measure or goodness, placing the charges to Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} :

Wee are sorry for the disappointment by the return of the St David Yatch & Parr (advised in yours of 29th : past) w^{ch} : wee are afraid will force us to send the

King William to you. But if we can fill the ship up here, wee shall dispatch her from hence. Wee are

Your very Affect : freinds

NATH^L : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

No. 3.

FORT S^T GEORGE 6TH OCTOBER 1696.

TO MR SIMON HOLCOMB CHEIF &C^A
COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

Sent Overland. Our last was 13th August. Wee have receive[d] yours of 24th July and 6th August overland and 14th September ℘ Ship King William and 25th September ℘ Mary Buoyer with the respective accompanying Bengall Pacquets Pap^rs : and Books according to your Lists.

As you find any difference in the passing of Madrass & Surat Rupees on your Coast advise us.

The Buff Coat is English fashion.

The King William arrived here on 29th past with 251 bales.

The eight slabs of Lead we shall debt your Acco^t : for Pa : 18 : 22. The Bell from Metchlepatam is to be entered in yor Acco^t : Curr^t : as all other things y^t : you receive, noting the place from whence received.

Wee have received the Chest unknown and keep it und[er] seal as received. There appearing no cause for chargeing Lewis fferrara with the designed death of the Jentu Woma[n] wee have thought it fitt not to prosecute him but he se[rves] in our Garrison, and Christ^a : Fening also when recovered of the Sickness he contracted by serving the Seerlascar and the unhealthy hills.

Wee shall debt your Acco^t : Pag^s : 51 : — for the prime [cost] of 206 Teak plank part of the Brigantine stores, whi[ch M^r] Holcombe bought and he is to pay the s^d : sum in[to the R^t :] Honble : Comp^s : cash at Vizagapatam.

If you had advised us that Pepper, tinn, Ele [. . .] Sandall & Gance would have yeilded a profit [. . .] wee would have sent them, but before you [. . .] the Monsoon is past and there can be no [. . .] sending till ffebruary, in the mean tim[e . . .] and quantity of each sort vendable, without which we shall not know how to govern ourselves in buying.

Wee should not acco^t : the price of sticklac dear at 20 Rup^s : ℘ Candy if it were good, but the muster you sent us seems to be quite decayed, yeilding little or no colour and would be altogether unfitt to send home. There comes some (tho not of the best sort) from the Woods in the Country lying far west from hence, w^ch : seems to be much better. Wee send you two small sticks of it, by which you may compare any muster of Sticklac which shall be brought you, by powdering a pagoda weight of each and put them into a little cold water w^ch : in few hours will discover the difference in the colour. The deapest colour is esteemed ye best.

Tho' you cannot procure any dureing the warr with Somberdu remember to provide it so soon as it can be procured good. The R^t : H : Comp^a : do much desire it, and we should not think 50 Candy a year too large a quantity.

By your keeping all the treasure sent you by the K. William wee conclude you have a prospect of Investing it.

There are no Ships as yet arrived from England, but we have advice of eight designed for India whereof three for the Coast and Bay and daily expect their arrivall.

The King William will clear us of all the Bales wee have and wee hope she will sail this month a full ship. It is our business now to provide a Lading for another Ship in Jan^{ry} : or ffebru^{y} : if wee can possibly procure 1000 bales, and that will but just serve for a ship of 400 or 500 tons. Wee shall use our utmost endeavours here and at Fort St David, But ye Merch^{ts} : small performance this year gives little reason to expect [. .]00 bales from both places, because of the so long continuance of the war between the Moors and Morattas (who only take turns to rob the Country) and the great scarcity and dearness of Cotton; which in our parts hath been all this year 24 & 31 pag^{s} : ꝑ Candy, and there is little reason to hope that the price will fall so low as 20 pag^{s} : ꝑ Candy, Tho' in those parts about ffort St David it is at that price. Wee are sencible that you have laboured under the same difficulty : The Country is not yet freed from war and there is not a prospect of Cotton being so cheap and plentifull this year in your parts as it has been in former years, and tho' wee had hopes from yor : former advices that we might have received more bales by the King William then 251 yet we are well satisfied you have done your best.

But if things prove no worse with you then they are at present wee hope you will be able to Invest yor : whole stock by January, w^{ch} : by the Invoices rec^{d} : and sent wee conclude to be above 20,000 Pag^{s} : Viz^{t} : in Cash and what due from your Merchants, which wee suppose may be sufficient for about 350 bales of your four Contract Sorts. Wee sh[all] depend upon you for so many but if you can encrease that number, the more the better.

Wee easily credit the reasons you give for not pr[ovideing] such sorts of Cloth as the Merchants have not used to [provide] and till the Country is better settled and Cotton chea[per you] will not be able to make any considerable progre[ss ? in your] undertakings. You may therefore Contract wit[h ? your merchants] upon the last terms to the Amo^{t} : of your Stock [. . .] by the 15th or 20th Jany next, or so soon as you [. . . .] them to undertake, and wee hope they [. . . .] all sooner because by yor advices you hav[e . . .] considerable sums to them long since.

But wee have occasion to consider not only the provision of Goods for the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : but how to prevent the Interlopers from procureing them on this Coast if any should come. Wee are advised from Bengall (as wee suppose you will hear from thence) that an interloper is arrived there the Antelope Mr Edward Clyves supracargo, who gives out there is another acomeing (*sic*). If the stop on the trade of Bengall continue as it is now (occasioned by the rebellion of a Raja) it is very probable that they will find themselves disappointed of their Lading there, and may come to try their fortune on this Coast. Wee esteem it our duty in conformity to our R^{t} : Honble : Masters orders to do all that lyes in our power to defeat & disappoint them. For which end we think it a very proper & effectuall method, to engage our Merchants by as large Contracts as wee can prevail wth : them to undertake, so as to keep them and the weavers in full employ throughout the year. Therefore wee order you to make a further Contract with your Merchants for the delivery of 4 or 5000 Pag^{s} : in Cloth monthly, till August or Janu^{y} 1697 you contracting to deliver them 4 or 5000 Pag^{s} : on the first day of every month, and they to deliver the same amo^{t} : in Cloth wthin 6 weeks or 2 months (as you can agree) after their receipt of each sum. If your merchants shall object that some mo^{ths} : will not allow them to provide so much as others, you may make the sums deliverable in such months more or less accordingly.

Wee cannot tell what sum̃ you will have in your hands when you receive this and therefore cannot name the precise time from whence such a contract sho^{d} : com̃ence but we leave it to you to make it commence from that time w^{c} will best comport with your stock the provision of 3 or 400 bales in Jany next and the end designed in keeping yor : merch^{ts} : and weavers constantly employed. Wee have no prospect of send^{g} you any further stock till ffebruary and then probably wee may send one of the R^{t} : H : Comp^{s} : Ships to you as wee did the Russell ffrigat last year, and after that time the Monsoon will afford frequent oppertunitys of sending as occasion shall require.

Wee propose a double advantage by this method. When your Merch[ts] : have engaged the weavers they cannot serve others, and if they do, the justice of your plea and the good correspondence w[ch] : M[r] : Holcombe has hitherto maintained with the seerlascars may prevail with him to grant such Rocca's as will compell both weavers and merchants to due complyance.

If any Interloper shall come upon your Coast or if you hear of their comeing, do not wait for our orders but we desire and require you to take such a course and to use such methods either by applycation to the Nabob or otherwise, as you shall upon due consideration think most proper for defeating thei[r] designed trade, which is so injurious to the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Company and tending to the ruin of the East India trade. Wee are

Yo[ur] : Loving fr[einds]

NATH[L] : HIG[GINSON.]
JOHN ST[YLEMAN.]
WILLIAM [FRASER.]
FRAN[CIS ELLIS.]
ROG[ER BRADDYLL.]
CHA[RLES BARWELL.]
T[HOMAS : WRIGHT.]
[? MATTH : EMPSON.]

No. 4.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE 8TH OCTOBER 1696.

TO HIS EXCELL[Y] : S[R] : JOHN GAYER
GENERALL AND CHEIF DIRECTORE FOR AFFAIRS & FORCES OF
THE R[T] : HON[BLE] : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA
&[CA] COUNCILL IN BOMBAY.

℘ Mary Buoyer

The Josia Ketch being not arrived, and being willing to return her to Bombay and the Mary Buoyer to Bengall wee detain the Buoyer so long as may be safely done, in hopes of the Josias arrivall. But the weather being uncertain wee have ordered the Master to repair and remain aboard and in case of bad weather to make the best of his way to Bombay. This serves only to inclose the Bill of Lading & Invoice of Saltpetre laden in Bengall 500 bags, and to acquaint that the King William is now Lading for England and wee hope will depart in ten days if weather permitt.

The Agent and Councill of Bengall desire the Mary Buoyer may return to them for the service of the River, as we suppose they mention in their accompanying pacquet received by the Mary Buoyer. Wee are

Your Excell[ys] : &[ca] very humble
and obedient Servants

NATH[L] : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

[. . .] GOODMAN MASTER [No. 5.]
[. . .] BUOYER.

There being 500 bags of Salt petre laden on y[e] Mary [Bu]oyer designed to be sent to Bombay either by the s[d] : Buoyer or by the Josia Ketch if shee shall arrive in due time, whose arrivall and the weather being uncertain ; Wee hereby order you to repair and remain on board the Buoyer till further order, in the mean time if bad weather comes on that you apprehend it unsafe to continue at Anchor, you are then

to put out to sea and make the best of your way for the Port of Bombay where when arrived you are to deliver our Letter herewith delivered you as directed to his Excelly : Sr : John Gayre Genll : &ca Councill whose orders you are to follow for your Lading & further proceed[ing] dated in Fort St : George this 8th day of October 1696.

NATHL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

No. 6.

FORT ST : GEORGE 14TH OCTOBER 1696.

TO HIS EXCELLY : SR : JOHN GAYER KNT :
CAPT : GENLL : AND CHEIF DIRECTORS OF ALL AFFAIRS
& FORCES OF THE RT : HONBLE : ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPA : IN INDIA &CA COUNLL : IN BOMBAY.

May it please yor Excelly &ca.

Our last was dated 18th [. . .] via Surat, copy whereof comes inclosed, ℔ Mary Buoyer. wch : acknowle[dges the] receipt of yours dated 18th May by the Ketch which is not ar[rived] as wee expected from Acheen, nor have wee heard any th[ing of] her nor the other Ships since our last, but there being [. . .] in Company wee hope they are safe. On the 30th day [. . .] the Mary Buoyer arrived from Bengall with [. . .] wee have waited thus long in hopes of the [. . .] bring you the Salt-petre, and then wee would have returned the Buoyer to Bengall where she is wanted ; but now despairing of the Ketch and it growing too late to keep her long for fear of the Monsoon, wee send her forward, with the 500 bags Salt-petre and 200 bags more added here, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading amot : to Pags : 1665 : 11 : 4 : Capt : Baker being willing to return to Bombay, wee have appointed him master of the Buoyer. When the Ketch comes, wee shall send her to yor : Excelly : &ca and pray that the Buoyer may be returned for Bengall according to the request of the Agent & Councill.

The severall Papers wch wee sent yor Excelly : but miscarryed with our overland Pacqt : of September 1695 having been since coppyed comes herewith as ℔ List of this pacquet.

Wee take good notice of what yor : Excelly : &ca wrote in yours of the 18th May concerning the difficulty of obtaining a Phirmaund and when obtained may not answer the greatness of the charge by reason of the suddainly expected change in the Empire, and till that can be obtained we must buy our freindship here with the Nabob at as cheap a rate as we can. And wee may well call it buying for he is Mercenary and rapacious who under the coller of conquering the Morattas, doth only employ his army in Plundering and robing the Country, and if he stays here many years more, the Country will be utterly ruined and dispeopled.

According to the request of Comadore Brabourn &ca we sent 22 Bricklayers, Carpenters &ca Workmen by a Parr belonging to that place, and we now send them by the Buoyer 21820 Rups : and a Gin and Topaz soldiers the amot : of what sent by the Buoyer and Parr is Pags : 6405 : 26 : 3 as by the Inclosed copy of our Invoice. Wee could not send more soldiers because the Vessell wants suitable accomodations, but wee suppose another oppertunity may suddainly ℔ sent.

Wee take due notice of your Excells : approbation of what hath been transacted here, with respect to Cochin China, Pegu and Acheen ; The event hitherto hath not answered expectation. Wee have heard nothing yet of the Ship wch : went to Cochin China in May 1695. Wee despair of doing any good at Acheen while Mr : Delton is

there and the Loyall Captain wch went to Pegu in September 1695 lost her passage in her return from thence and was put into Acheen by contrary winds and is not yet arrived, so that there is no further acco^{t}: of M^{r}. ffleetwoods Treaty with that King, then that the captives are released.

The Dutch and others have found so much trouble by farming Lands in Bengall, that wee could never find reason to give the Agent & Councill orders for ffarming the Towns adjacent to Chuttanuttee; and wee have had a late instance here (tho' there is something ℘ticular in our case) of the inconvenience of medling wth them. When Narrain carryed a Present to ye Nabob in May 1695, the Nabob gave him a Perwanna for a town called Cattewack about 10 mile[s] off to the northward for ye maintenan[ce] of the Chinapatam Dubash. Wee took possession of it for ye Co[mpas] Acco^{t}: but Narrain being since dismissed from being Duba[sh] the Nabob has lately taken it away by another Perwa[nna] and given it to the Pullomalee renter: wee did not think fitt [to] contend for it, but suffered those that brought the Perwanna to take possession.

The Estate of Thomas Pilson dec^{d}: being Pag^{s}: 797 [. . .] paid to M^{r}: W^{m}: Morrice by the Attorneys of M^{r}: Dolben [. . .] paid into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{as}: Cash on the 31st Jan^{y}:—95/6 and [. . .] him on the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: to ditto Pilsons widow.

On the 24th day of September wee received yor: Excell[^{cys} letter] dated the 10th July overland, w^{ch}: was accompanyed [. . .] the Honble: Presid^{t}: &c^{a}: at Surat, which gave us the [. . .] their releasem^{t}: from so long and troublesome a confinement, during w^{ch}: they sent us severall Letters adviseing their circumstances under ffrench cover; but wee had not confidence enough in the french to trust our answer by that conveyance.

Wee have not heard any thing concerning Capt: Etherington since his being at Batavia.

The papers relating to M^{r}: Walsh &c^{a} and Ship Elizabeth comes herewith as ℘ List. M^{r}: Walsh understood our Instructions to limit the price and therefore did not sell the Cloth at Acheen.

They write from Bengall that if there comes a great quantity of Cloth they shall not be able to sell for half the prime cost. Wee have ordered them to return to us so much as they find that they cannot vend in a year or two's time. Wee sell here at Pag^{s}: 20 & 21 ℘ half peice Broad Cloth and 42 for Aurora, but if wee could meet wth: a Chapman that would take off the whole or a considerable part, we should gladly take a less price because we expect more yearly and we have more already then we can expect to sell this twelve months, but no body will offer a price for so great a quantity, because the Country will not afford a vend otherwise then now & then a few peices to the Camp.

Should wee make further applycations to the Queen of Acheen, for the delivery of M^{r}: Delton &c^{a} it can't be done without a further charge, w^{ch}: wee dare not put the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: to wthout your Excell^{s}: order. The accompanying acco^{t}: contains the charges wch have been already expended, and tho' the greatest part thereof is occasioned only by the Pearls Cargo & men &c^{a} from Tonqueen yet there was 100 Tale left by M^{r}: Walsh &c^{a} with M^{r}: Soams for the Paggaring of the ffactory which wee fear the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: will expect to be refunded, because as they have expressed it in some of their Gen^{ll}: Letters to Fort St George, tho' they allow a free private Trade to such places as Metchlepatam, Pegu & Acheen and the use of their deserted ffactorys, yet they will be at no charge for their repairs or otherwise. Mr Walsh &c^{a} had no orders for expending that 100 Tale, and yet it seems hard to make them pay for it, because they intended well, and it appeared to them necessary for the ordered settlement. Wee pray yor Excell^{s}: consideration & direction in this matter.

By what your Excell^{y}: writes of Issa Cooley we find further reason to suspect that he cheated us of 5,000 Rup^{s}: w^{ch}: we p^{d}: here to his order, upon his advice that he was obliged to make good that sum̃ for the procureing of the Kings Husbullhookum for takeing off the stop of Trade in Surat and Bengall in 1693/4, and tho' it

is probable that he is capable of manageing business well at Court, yet doubtless he do's his own business with other peoples money and at best is very extravagant, and wee are fully of yor Excelly^{s} : mind that he is not a fitt man to be trusted. But do not know where to find a better either of the same or any other nation.

Wee sent a few pieces of Europe cloth of severall sorts by M^{r} : Dolben & M^{r} : Trenchfield by the Elizabeth to Canton for the purcha[se] of the Velvets &c^{a} Issa Cooley desired for the Mogull according to his Muster; and withall desired them to bring us an acco^{t} : not only of the prizes, but also of the quantity vendable at that Port, and if they bring us an incourageing report, perhaps the Merch^{ts} : of this place will send some thither next year.

Wee heartily wish it true that Mooculas Cawn h[as] obtained a Phirmaund for the excluding Interlopers, it wo^{d} : now be very seasonable (there being one arrived in Bengall the Antelope Edward Clyves supra cargo and another expected whereof as well as their other affairs the Agent &c^{a} advises to have given yor Excell^{y} : &c^{a} an Acco^{t} : in their Pacquet which comes herewith). But wee are afraid it is too good news to be true.

Inclosed is 5 Rup^{s} : of the Madrass stamp and a copy of our Perwannas for coining. Wee receive $\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Cent for Pagodas and Moohers and 2 ℘ Cent for Silver Rupees coined for perticuler persons.

By the Fleet frigat in May last M^{r} : ffrancis Ellis and M^{r} : Roger Braddyll arrived and took their places in y^{s} Councill according to the station appointed them by the R^{t} : H : Comp^{as} : Commission. The informations received from Bengall relating to Mr Braddyll have been under our consideration in Councill, but is not yet brought to a result; which will be if not before soon after the King William is dispatched; if thereupon it shall appear that he is not really guilty of ye matter charged, wee presume your Excell^{y} : doth not intend his suspention but if it shall appear that he is, wee shall observe your orders relating to Mr Braddyll.

The sailing orders w^{ch} : wee sent to Bengall for Ship Martha did not arrive there till her departure.

Wee have no news of the ffrench Ships on this side of India. Wee hope they are gone home and pray God preserve our masters Ships out & home that they may not meet with those or any others. M^{r} : Brabourn sent us the Copy of a Letter from Tellecherry concerning a Pyrat there, w^{ch} : gave an acco^{t} : of 16 ffrench ships that were gone either to the West Indies or South seas, it is not plainly expressed which. wee cannot tell what to judge of it but doubtless yor Excell^{y} : has a more perfect acco^{t}:

A Parr that came from Gallee the 1st September advised that the America was there, and put in to stop a Leak, and y^{t} there was a ship or two from China but no further Acco^{t} :

17th October 1696.

Letters from an Armenian at the Kings Camp to an Armenian here dated 21st September advise of News received there from Surat, that the five ffrench Ships have met with six Dutch Ships near Muscat and taken three and sunk two. The other escapeing to Gombroon foundred in the road (no time mentioned) and that the King of Persia has sent an Army by Land against Muscat, and the Portuguez ffleet is to assault them by sea.

By the List your Excell^{y} : will observe the copys of the severall Letters inclosed w^{ch} : we have received from and sent to y^{e} : R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : and severall other papers. Perticulerly the Duplicate of our Letter intended by the King William, where unto wee pray yor Excell^{y} : to be referred for an Acco^{t} : of our affairs so far as we have written. What shall be added will be sent your Excell^{y} : overland after the ships departure, w^{ch} : wee hope will be in a very few days if it please God wee be not hindred by fowle weather.

Several Paragraphs of our Letter to the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : advise them of our referring somethings to yor : Excellys direction, w^{ch} : wee pray your Excell^{y} : to observe as if

wee did repeat the perticule[rs] and give us orders therein and in the matter contained in the inclosed copy of our Consultations dated 15th & 17th Instant being a matter of great importance.

The Nabob hath had severall skirmishes with ye: Morattas. Santogee Gurporow with an Army of 12,000 hath fled from these parts towards Kisna river. The Nabob hath followed hi[m] till he came within 4 leagues from this place to the north [. . .] of Pollicat. The Generall report is that he will in [his return to] Arcott visit the Sea Coast, and it is very probable [. . .] don't happen to call him directly and speedily to [. . .] at Arcott, and if he comes this way it will cost us either money or trouble or both. Wee are

Yor Excells: &ca very Humble: and
Obedient Servants

NATHL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO THE GENERALL AT BOMBAY VIZT:

1. Copy of Fort St George Genll: Letter to the Rt: H: Compa: Datd: 19th Jany 1694/5 ℘ ship Princess Ann of Denmark.
2. Copy of Ditto dated 3d April 95 ℘ Ship London frigat.
3. Copy of Ditto datd: 6th June 1695 ℘ Armenian Merchant.
4. Copy of Ditto datd: 31 January & 6th ffebruy: 1695 ℘ Ship Mary.
5. Copy of Ditto dat. 10th ffebruary 1695/6 ℘ Do: Ship.
6. Copy of the List of Do: Pacquets.
7. Copy of York Fort Genll: Letter to ye: Rt: H: Compa: dat: 29th October 1695.
8. Copy of Ditto to Fort St. George dat: 10th: ffebruary 1695.
9. Copy of Mr: Barwells perticular letter to Do: of Ditto date.
10. Copy of Articles of Agreement made by Mr: Charles Barwell &ca Counll: of York Fort with the King of Manduta.
11. Copy of an agreement made by Mr: Chas: Barwell &ca Counll: of York Fort with Pangrom Jomgallo Raja of Sillibar.
12. Copy, Abstract of the Tonqueen Diary.
13. Copy, Accot: remains in the ffactory of Tonqueen.
14. Copy, Accot: of the Syam Voyage in ye Junk from Tonqueen.
15. Sundry remarks on the Tonqueen Genll: books letters R.S.T. V.W.X.
16. Copy, Mr. Keelings answer to Do: remarks.
17. Sundry Journll: Parcells taken out of the Tonqueen Books relating to the Syam voyage.
18. Tonqueen Genll: to Fort St George dated 21st December 1695.
19. Copy, Lieutent: Genll: Letter to the King [of] Tonqueen.
20. Copy, Dittos &c to the Prince.
21. Copy, Dittos &c to the Bishop Dawner.
22. Copy, Fort St George Genll: Letter to Mr: Watts & Counll: 30th May 1696.
23. Copy, Ditto to Mr: Walsh &ca dated 18th July 1695.
24. Copy Commission & Instructions to Do: dated 19th Do: 1695.
25. Copy Instructions to Mr. Walsh &ca dated 20th July 1695.
26. Copy Commission to Capt: Thomas Oyles dated 18th July 1695.
27. Copy of three letters to the Queen of Acheen.
28. Copy Letters to the Orumkeey & Shabander at Acheen.
29. Copy Presidt: & Counll: of Fort St George their order to Mr ffrancis Delton &ca for their repairing hither.

30. Copy of Papers relating to Ship Elizabeth as Ent^{d}: in ye list of the Pacq^{t} sent ℔ Ship Mary to the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} ; from N^{o} : 16 to N^{o} : 27 except N^{o} : 25.
31. Copy of the Presid^{ts} : Letter to the King of Cochin China.
32. Copy [of] D^{os} : Instructions to M^{r} : Bowyear including ye terms on w^{ch} : a setlement to be made there.
33. Copy [of] Presid^{t} : & Councills letter to M^{r} : Bowyear relating to a setlement there.
34. Translate of a Petition presented to the Grand Visseer Assid Cawn relating to a Phirmaund &c^{a} in ffeb^{y} : 91/2, and Messrs : Trenchfeild & Pitts obligation for the Paym^{t} : of 12,000 Rup^{s} : to Zulph : Cawn.
35. Copy [of] Consultation about Emaim Cooleys going to the Kings Cam[p] & the Presid^{ts} : obligation for paying him 4,000 Rup^{s} : upon Delivery of a Phirmaund.
36. Copy Memorandums deliv^{d} : Emaim Cooley by y^{e} : President whe[n] going to the Camp.
37. Copy of sev^{ll} : Fort St George Consultations as Ent^{d} : in [. . .] the Pacq^{t} : 29th August –95 to Bombay N°. 1 to 5.
38. Copy [of] Consultation 4th ffeb^{y} : relating to the Commiss[. . .] the Councill of Fort St George.
39. Copy of sev^{ll} : Par̃ : of Consult : relating to a Cowle desired.
40. Copy [of] M^{r} : Frasers papers relating to & Draught of s^{d} : Cowle.
41. Copy [of] Consultation dated 24th September 1695.
42. Copy [of] M^{r} ffraser paper dated 14th May 1695.
43. Copy [of] Presidents answer thereunto.
44. Copy [of] severall letters &c^{a} relating to a controversy between the Dutch and the Govr : & Councill of Fort S^{t}. David concerning two Dutch soldiers.
45. Copy [of] Fort St George Gen^{ll} : Letters relating to Ditto.
46. Copy [of] Fort St George Gen^{ll} Letter to the Govr & Coun^{ll} : of Negapatam, dated 17th June 1696 relating to Cooley Chittee.
47. Copy of Fort St George Gen^{ll} : Letter to Bengall dat^{d} : 7th ffeb^{y} : 1695/6.
48. Copy [of] late Presid^{t} : Yales Petition to the King.
49. Copy of the Presid^{t} : & Coun^{ll} : of Fort St George their remarks on D^{o} : Petition.
50. Copy of a letter from M^{r} : W^{m} : Soams dat^{d} 26th June 1696 with list [of] mens names that seized the Mocho ffrigat.
51. M^{r} : William Soams Letter to the Govr dat : 6th July –96 relating to Ketch Josia.
52. Copy of James Cruff Declaration relating to Ketch Josia.
53. Copy [of] Richard Caswell his declaration relating to Ditto.
54. Copy Hossen Tandell &c^{a} Lascars their declaration concerning D^{o} :
55. Copy Instructions to M^{r} : Edwd : ffleetwood & James Leslie for treating with the King of Pegu.
56. Copy Presid^{t} : Letters to the King of Pegu and officers.
57. Capt : Laycock's receipt for a clock rec^{d} : of Capt : Blundell.
58. Acco^{t} : of the Woolen Manufacture received and disposed of in the Presidency of Fort St George from the Primo October 1692 to the [*Lacuna* in the *original.*]
59. Copy of Fort St George Gen^{ll} : Letter to the Generall & Councill of Bombay dated 18th August 1696.
60. Companys letter to the Fort dated 6th March 1694.
61. Copy of the Companys Generall to the Bay D^{o} : date.
62. Copy of a Commission appointing Gen^{ll} : & Lieuten^{t} : Generall of India & Councill of Fort St George.
63. Copy of a Commission for preventing a failure of Justice at the Fort in case of the death of Judge Dolben.
64. Copy [of] M^{r}. Braddylls acco^{t} : Silver coined by him in Rajamaul Mint.
65. Copy of two Consultations relating to Mr Braddylls coining of Silver for acco^{t} : of the Natives of Bengall.
66. Copy [of] Consultation dated 15th October –96.

67. Copy [of] Consultation dated 17 D°:
68. Copy of severall Phirmaunds &c^a Persian from N°: 1 to 16.
69. Copys of the Translates of Prince Cawn Bux Neshawn &c^a Perwans: relating to the Mint.
70. Copy [of] M^r: Walsh &c^a Acco^t: of Expences at Acheen.
71. Duplicate of Fort St George Gen^{ll}: Letter to the R^t: H: C: dat: 30th Sep^r: -96.
72. Fort St George Gen^{ll}: Letter to Bombay dated 14th and 17th October -96.
73. Acco^t: wages paid the men belonging to the Mary Buoyer.
74. List of Stores belonging to the Mary Buoyer.
75. New Madrass Rupees five.
76. Invoice for what Laden on board the Mary Buoyer.
77. Bill [of] Lading of Ditto.
78. Copy Invoice of Treasure sent on the Mary Buoy^r: to Anjengo.
79. List of the Pacquet.

No. 7.

To the Worp^{ll}: John Brabourn Comadore
&c^a Councill att Anjengo.

Fort St George 17th October 1696.

℘ Mary Buoyer.

Our last was dated 31st August 1696 ℘ Country Parr Copy whereof comes inclosed, since wch wee received yours dated 24th August adviseing of a Pyrat appearing upon ye Coast of India, which is bad news and hath occasioned us to consider whether it is convenient to venture so much upon the Mary Buoyer as you intimate necessary for your present supply. Yet considering how much that settlement doth depend upon the speedy finish [of] the ffortifycations, as you have constantly represented to us, Wee have sent you Rup^s: 21,820 and Dollars 205 such as wee co^d: get, and some other things as ℘ Bill of Lading & Invoice, there being neither Acheen Gold nor Chequeens nor more Dollars procureable. This Vessell being not fitt for carrying of Passengers wee shall send you Souldiers, Armes &c^a by the next conveyance which wee hope will suddainly happen by a Country Ship bound for Persia.

Wee have paid your Bill to M^r: William Morrice for Pag^s: 211: 18 fan^s.

Yesterday an Armenian received Letters from the Mogulls Camp adviseing news from Surat, that the five ffrench ships have met with six Dutch ships near Muscat and have taken three and sunk two, the other escapeing to Gombroon and there sunk in the road. The time and other circumstances not mentioned wee do not know what Credit is to be given to this report, but wee thought fitt to advise you of it, tho' if it be true you will probably have the news before you can receive this; and if any of the R^t: H: Comp^s: ships sho^d: arrive as expected, 'twill be convenient that you give them this caution, there is advice of eight more designed for India. Wee are

Your Affect: friends

Nathl: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Thomas Wright.
Matth: Empson.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO ANJENGO ℔ MARY BUOYER Viz[t] :

N° : 1. Generall Letter dated 17th October 1696.
2. Copy Gen[ll] : Letter dat: 31 August 1696.
3. Invoice of Treasure &c[a] on Mary Buoyer.
4. Bill of Lading of Treasure &c[a] on Mary Buoyer.
5. A Seal.
6. List of the Pacquet.

No. 8.

TO CAPTAIN STEPHEN BAKER COMMANDER OF MARY BUOYER.

Upon receipt hereof you are to repair aboard and (the treasure being laden) you are with the first opportunity of wind and weather to sail and make the best of your way for Anjengo, where you are to deliver our Letter to y[e] Comodore & Councill and the treasure &c[a] Laden for that Port. From thence you are to proceed for Bombay and when arrived deliver our Pacquet as directed to his Excell[y] : S[r] : John Gayre Generall &c[a] Councill whose orders you are to follow for your unlading and further proceeding. Wee have certain advice of a Pyrate of 120 tons seen in July last on the Coast of India, and we have also a report that the ffive french ships which departed from Surat have been since on the Coast of Muscat and mett with and taken or destroyed six Dutch ships, but whither they are since gone is not known. Wee give you notice hereof for yo[r] : caution wishing you a good voyage wee date these in Fort St. George this 17th day of October 1696.

NATH[L] : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH̃ : EMPSON.

No. 9.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE 28TH OCTOBER 1696.

TO THE HON[BLE] : WILL[M] : HATSELL PRESIDENT OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE AND GOV[R] : OF FORT S[T] DAV[D] : &C[A] COUNCILL AT FORT S[T] DAVID.

HON[BLE] : &C[A] :

Our last was 3[d] Ins[t] : adviseing our intention of filling up the King William ℔ Pattamar. here, and yet fearing wee should not have bales enough wee ordered you to receive all our Merchants Cloth which they should bring in to you, & to embale as much as you could brown and to cause the rest to be washed and sorted.

Upon further consideration of the season of the year wee resolved to fill up the ship here with Pepper rather then to send her to take in your Bales, and it proved very well, for on Saturday the 24th in the morning the very day she sailed the wind began to blow fresh from the NW[t] ; and so continued encreasing till Sunday night when the wind veer'd to the NE[t] : and blew very hard with much rain all night till Monday noon, and then shifting to the southward abated. The NE[t] : wind brought in the sea to the ffort walls Batterys and points but God be thanked hath done no greater damage then to wash away part of y[e] sea gate Platforme and bare the Angle of York point about 4 foot deep, notwithstanding a double row of stakes. There was one ship in the road the Greyhound w[ch] : on the heighth of the wind on Sunday night (as is supposed) put out to sea. If you hear any thing of her upon the Coast lett her have your assistance as the Circumstances of the case shall require.

Your severall Letters of the 5th 7, 8, 12, 14, & 20th : wee received concerning the embaleing of goods brown and white for the King Wm : with your Genll : Letter to Rt : H : Compa : Consultations & Diarys ending 15th Sepr : last and Journalls and Ledgers Letter E and F which are sent by the K : William. Also copy of yor Diary to the 15th past to remain here.

Wee observe your supplying our merchants wth 1,000 Pagods : more then wee have drawn Bills for, as mentioned in yours of 12th Instant. The accomptant is ordered to charge the same to your Credit and their Debt in our Genll : Books.

Wee don't at present think of any other method to be taken in the case of the Chingee Goldsmith, then that you deliver Mr : Calendrini &ca a Protest for continuing to protect the Criminall from Justice setting forth therein the contents of Ramrajas Letter & declareing them responsible for all damages which shall ensue.

The Nabob hath lately persued Santogees Army till he came to the Northward of Trivelore, and Santogee went on plundring the Country to Kisnapatam, where he took 42 Elephants whereof 20 had been bot : here and at St Thoma. The Nabob remained some time at Trivelore and from thence returned to Arcott and now it is credibly reported that Santogee is returned to Triparlee [? tripatee] and has an Eye upon some Treasure at Coverapack. When ye : Nabob was at Trivelore, it was reported that he designed to Visitt the Sea Coast in his return to Arcott, and there are now daily advices from severall Pollygars that Hussim Cawn ye : Phousdar of Trivelore, hath by the Nabobs order summoned all the Neighbouring Pollygars to bring in their proportion of peons to come wth him against Madrass, and that he designs to come as soon as the Nabob sends him 1,000 horse to assist him. In these reports theres nothing certain except that they are spread up & down the country, but whether there be any reall ground, or only raised and spread on purpose to frighten us into Piscashes time must discover.

For want of Mr : Griffiths Accots : wrote for wee cannot proceed in examination hereof.

Wee have received the Pattern of strip'd Beetelaes, and desire you to go on in makeing as many as you can according to that and the other Patterns herewith sent, which wee received from the Rt : H : Company. But the Pattern you sent us is too course and advise us the lengths, breadths & price and how many peices a month.

Herewith comes the adjustment of yor : Accot : Currt : books Letter F wee want Copy of said Books to remain here.

As to your Merchts : offer of a Contract for 2000 Pags : we are glad to hear it and would not much stand upon an abatemt : of the Fort St. George prices of Long cloth, Salampores, Beetelas nor an advance of the price of Europe cloth. But there are two things wch : must be further considered. They offer to provide these goods in 6 months which will fall in the month of May and wee can expect little or none of it in ffebruary, whereas we depend upon you for about 300 bales against that time (besides what already embaled) to help dispatch a ship then if it please God the expected ships shall arrive time enough and we shall endeavour to provide as many here, wch : with ye Bales expected from Vizagapatam and the Cloth already in our possession wee hope may be sufficient for a small ship. The other objection is, that your Merchts : do not allow ours to provide any Cloth at Wooriar Pollam. But the case is thus. They would not in 4 months past provide in those parts one peice of Longcloth fitt for sorting, and if we contract with our Merchts : and exclude them from Wooriar wee must Contract only for fine goods wch : wont answer the end. And Serapa hath already employed & engaged a considerable number of Looms which are ready to go on in makeing Longcloth & Salampores there, and will probably go on faster under the same muster then under new ones. Besides, it seems to us that he hath broke the way for providing those sorts of Goods Longcloth & Salampores and don't remember that either the Fort St David or Fort St George Merchants have for many years past provided those sorts. Upon these considerations wee cannot allow that Serapa be excluded from buying there. But neither he nor any of our Merchts : shall have any thing to do within your Bounds.

Wee desire you to make the best Contract you can with yor : Merchants for the provision of 20000 Pag^s^ : of cloth allowing them such an encouragem^t^ : as you can agree not exceeding ten ℘ Cent to be paid if by the 20th day of Feb^y^ : they shall deliver 250 or 300 bales, but if they fail in time & quantity not to receive the said advance, and so as not to exclude our Merchants from buying at Wooriarpollam and instead of 3000 Pag^s^ : in Succatums, the one half of that sum to be provided in ordin^y^ : Neckcloths.

Lett us know by what Musters you are to sort. Wee suppose by the same musters as Fort St George. Wee are

HON^BLE^ : & C^A^ :

Yo^r^ : very Affect^e^ : freinds

NATH^L^ : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

No. 10.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE 16TH NOV^R^ : 1696.

TO THE HON^BLE^ WILLIAM HATSELL PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE AND GOV^R^ OF FORT S^T^ DAVID & C^A^ : COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^ DAVID.

Wee have received yours of 7th Instant & upon consideration of the Contract offered by your Merchants have resolved to accept of the same for so much only as they shall deliver in ffebruary, by which time wee hope to have a Ship and are content to allow your merchants an extraordinary advance for the goods that shall be then provided to serve that occasion ; as wee do our own by a Contract now agreed, For the reasons wee referr to the inclosed Copy of our Consultation of 14th Instant. ℘ Pattamar.

Your Merchants being under no obligation not to dispose of Europe goods here or where ours use to dispose of it wee do not think it reasonable that ours should be limited and debarred from disposeing [of] it at Wooriarpollam, and therefore wee have not propounded it to them ; and ℘haps a Limitation may be in generall an impediment to the vend.

Wee shall send you money by the first oppertunity.

Wee have received M^r^ : Griffiths acco^ts^ : which are deliv^d^ : to him ; and he promises his answer in few days.

On the 8th Ins^t^ : the Russell frigat touched here in her passage from Bengall, laden for England and sailed in the night following. Wee are

Yo^r^ : very Affect^e^ : friends

NATH^L^ : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

No. 11.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 30TH NOV^{R}: 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL $PRESID^{T}$:
OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE AND $GOVERN^{R}$: OF
FORT S^{T} DAVID &C^{A} COUNCILL AT FORT
S^{T} DAVID.

₽ Pattamar. Our Merchants being acquainted that the ffort St David Merchants objected against their buying Goods in the bounds of Fort St David. They represent y^{t}: Serapa hath brought a considerable number of Weavers into your Bounds, that he hath employed them and others in weaving Salampores for our last contract, whereof they have received about 2000 P^{s}: within 5 months past, which proveing not so good as those from Wooriarpollam, they have caused about 300 Looms to be altered to a better sort, which are at this time employed and have delivered about 1000 P^{s}: of the new sort, and the weavers have about 500 Pag^{s}: in their hands. But for an Exact $Acco^{t}$: they referr to Punnapa Chittee and Ramadapilla their Servants, from whom you may receive a more ₽ticular information, and may also view the s^{d}: 1000 P^{s}: Salampores.

If this prove true, It will be a reall discouragement to our Merchants to be thrown at once out of that business, and a Loss too since they have given out their money. If your Merchants take these weavers into their Employ, they must at least make good to the Fort St George merchants the money w^{ch}: they have given out. However, Serapa intending suddainly to go that way, you may permit those weavers w^{ch}: are already engaged to go on till he comes and then act in such manner as you shall find just to both parties.

The Paymaster has by Daniel Alleins order paid his wife here Pag^{es}: 1 : 12 fa: for the month of October and is to pay her the same sum monthly dureing her stay here. Also Dan^{ll}: German hath ordered the $paym^{t}$: of Pag^{o}: 1 : 24 fan^{s}: out of his wages to his wife and Creditors monthly w^{ch}: must be deducted out of his wages for October and forward, which payments wee shall charge to yor: $Acco^{t}$.

Wee should rather choose to have all the Wooriar Cloth washed and sorted here, but it would be unreasonable to compe[ll] our Merchants to bring it overland because of the risgo & charge. And if we stay till the winds permitt its comeing by sea, it may come too late for a February Ship. Wee therefore desire yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to take the trouble of causeing all our Merchants cloth that is or shall be brought in by them upon their last or present Contract to be washd sorted and Embaled.

What is now or shall be shortly brought in may be all washd, but of the Long-cloth w^{ch}: shall be deliver'd in the latter end of Jan^{y}: or beginning of ffebruary you may embale as much brown as may prove fitt for it. Wee would not embale Salampores brown unless upon a great necessity to prevent dead freight.

Wee take it for granted that you sort yor: Cloth by musters equall to Fort St George musters. If you apprehend any difference advise us, because our contract is by those Musters.

If you want packing stuff advise us. The package of your last Bales was not good: M^{r}: Ingram should take better care. Wee can send you 3 or 4 Corge of Wax Cloth if you want. You made use of Coir Rope and Coir twine last year. Wee will endeavour to supply you with better.

Wee have above 1000 Gunny bags by us w^{ch}: you sent up with pepper, wee can send you (when oppertunity shall ₽sent) as many as you shall advise necessary.

December 2^{d}.

Yesterday wee received yours of 26th past with papers according to List. Those relating to Cooley chittee being large require further consideration.

Wee approve your Contract for Ten thousand Pag^{s}: deliverable in ffebruary. But there are two Articles the 7th and 9th which exempt the merchants from the risgo of the Cloth in ye washers hands; and from the risgo of the Cloth in case of

warr between the Company and country Government. Whereas our Contracts have usually run so, that the whole risgo is the Merchants till embaled, and in case of Stoppage wee promise our endeavours to clear it as exprest in the 8th article.

Wee are sorry the 10th Article was concerted with your Merchants before you receiv'd what is before wrote concerning the provision of Goods within your bounds. Wee referr it to you to do our merchants right, that they may not have any just cause of complaint. But if your merchants shall wholly and at once exclude ours, wee doubt not but you will take care that your merchants do employ your weavers to as good purpose, and in makeing as good cloth, which as yo : note is agreeable to the Rt : Hon : Comps : orders.

Our merchants do not yet speak of vending Europe Goods at Wooriarpollam &ca.

You may go on in buying as much overland Malabar Pepper as you can gett, but if it be not really brought overland it do's not answer the design of the Rt : Hon : Company and the other sorts of Sumatra, Jehore &ca can be bought considerably cheaper: Wee therefore think it better that you forbear to buy any more of the Danes, or others (imported by sea) unless you can buy at about Pa : 21 ℘ Candy, the importer paying custome.

Wee shall Debt our Merchants and give you Creditt for ye : Pagodas mentioned to be paid them in yours of 4th : past. Wee have paid your bill Pa : 500 to Mr : Alvarez, mentioned in do Letter, and shall pay your bill Pags : 55 : 13 : to Mrs : Millisent Woolnough when demanded.

You may continue to draw Bills upon us as occasion offers, wee having sufficient stock in Cash Pags : 20,000 more then wee are obliged to pay our merchants upon our ℘sent Contract.

For your Direction in sorting, Prizeing and embaleing our merchants cloth, Wee send you a copy of our present Contract (you have the coppy of our last) and the warehouse keepers accot : of the severall mark's and numbers to be putt in the Ticketts and on the Bales. Lett your Warehousekeeper and accomptant keep the accot : thereof distinct from ye : Fort St David merchants accot : and send us coppys thereof as the Cloth shall be received and as oppertunitie offers.

Wee are heartily sorry for Mr : Butterfeilds death. Wee shall send one to supply his place.

Severall Ticketts in the ffort St David bales have been signed by 3 or 4 sorters. It is more agreeable to the Rt : H : Comps : orders that each sorter only sign the Tickett of the Bale sorted by himself.

Wee can't expect any oppertunity will offer for sending bales or Pepper to us till the latter end of January and wee cannot yet foresee whether the ship on wch : they will be Laden may not take them in at ffort St David. However if any of the Rt : Honr : Comps : Ships happen to fall in with yor : Port bound hither, you may lade as many Bales & Pepper as you shall then have ready or the ship can take in.

Send us an Accot : of all the Stores you want that wee may take the oppertunitys as they shall happen in the Northerly monsoon to send them. Wee are

Your very Affecte : friends

NATHL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

FORT ST: GEORGE 4TH DECEMR: 1696.

No. 12.

TO MR SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &CA:
COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

℘ Pattamar. Our last was answered by yours of 26th past received by Ship Simon on the 2d Instant, with copy of yor: Consultations & Diarys from 13th September to 23d November.

The Rupee you sent for a Brass Rupee had a great defect in the stamping, being thick on one side and thin in the other with two or three cracks & a Hole wch: was covered with Ashes of a Collour which made it look like Copper. but the rupee being cutt in two and examined proves full rupee Silver, wch : might easily have been discerned by any shroffe upon the stone. Wee had such another sent from Bengall as false wch : proved good nor have wee yet found one false Rupee of our stamp. If you meet wth : any more suspected rupees you may cause them to be examined by the touch or by cutting. Wee return the rupee you sent.

Tho' the Surat rupees at present go at 2 or 2½ ℘ Cent more then ours, yet wee doubt not but if our minters do not abuse ye Matt, they will quickly pass as currently as any other, to promote which wee allowed your Merchants the favour of receiving them at the Madrass price, upon their former Contract, but that was not intended to make it a custome. Hereafter they must accot: with you for the Vizagapatam Markett price of Rupees.

Inclosed is a copy of the Invoice formerly sent you for the Rose water and Bell.

Wee have ordered the provision of the desired quantity of copper &ca : Country commodityes as the same can be bought at such rates as will yield 12 or 15 ℘ Ct: profit upon your prizes advised, that the same may be ready for the first conveyance wch: shall offer.

Wee take good notice of what you write concerning Sticklack and depend upon your promised endeavours for procureing it. You need not fear exceeding in the quantity. 100 candy yearly would not be too much if cheap bought and good. Wee should not esteem 15 rupees a candy dear. Tho it seems probable to be bought rather cheaper in those places from whence it has not been usually bought. All those Hills generally afford it, but the natives have hitherto neglected because it was not known to be a commodity and if it hath not been gathered before in the Raja of Mergota's hills, possibly you may make a Contract wth: him for all his Country affords at a certain price, after wee haue had experience whether it be good, if you write to him about it, advise him to order his people to gather none but sticks that are ripe and full covered. It will be an advantage to the Woods to let the young and half covered twigs grow till they are quite covered.

Wee are sorry to hear that you cannot provide more then 100 bales by the 20th January but you give such a reason for it as cannot be answered Vizt: That there is not Cotton enough procurable till a next Crop, after wch : wee desire you to proceed in giving your Merchants and weavours a full employ in the method propounded; for wch : wee doubt not but wee shall be able to supply you with a stock equall to your Merchants undertakeing tho' it should be more then 5000 pags: a month, having this day recd: advice from Surat of 8 ships prepared for India with 500000ll Stock, whereof wee expect a Share.

If so large a stock should come, it is probable that the Rt: Honr: Compa: will order proportionable Investments on the coast. Wee have no promiseing prospect that wee shall be able to provide much here or at ffort St David dureing ye: Warr between the Moratta's & Moors, who haue for so many years taken turns to rob the Country. If we shod: meet with disapointments here, our dependance will be the greater on Vizagapm. As soon as cotton shall be more plentifull and cheap, when yo: can make a judgement of what you can do in the next year advise us that we may the better know how to direct the Investments of the Coast for the following year.

Wee have perused w^{t} : you write (in your Gen^{ll} : Letter, Consultation & Diary) concerning the acceptance, on ye Sier Lascars and Merchants desire, of the Government of Bimplipatam, Conarra, & Veldore in the R^{t} : H : Comp^{s} : name for three years and observe the good assureance you have of many advantages and no probability of loss or damage that can accrue thereby. The grounds whereof may better appear to you who are upon the place and understand more ꝑticularly the circumstances of the Country and nature of the Governm^{t}: then we can at a distance. Wee readily apprehend many conveniencyes w^{ch} : may arise from it, for the better managem^{t} : and secureing of Investments, promoteing private trade, furnishing this place and ffort St David wth : Gram and provisions, and preventing of Interlop^{rs} : But wee cannot be assured otherwise then from yor : judgements, that there can arise no loss or damage to the R^{t} : H : C : and others concerned in case of the Seerlascars removeall, or change of his present good humour or ꝑticular affection to M^{r} : Holcombe. But it is needless for us to offer at any considerations of that nature, because the thing is done, and wee suppose cannot be undone till the expiration of the term : and indeed wee know not what to advise till better informed : in order to w^{ch} : send us y^{e} : Coppys of the Seerlascars Cowle, your obligation (or Catopa) to him and ye Merchants obligation to you, The Amo^{t} : of the town rents in the Kings books and the last years produce & charges of Government. At present we question whether any of the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : Merchants ought to be Avaldar of Bimplipatam, Conarra or Veldore, or an officer concerned in the collecting of the revenues, least they should thereby be rendered liable to be called before the Seerlascar or Duans Durbar, upon complaints of Merchants or informations of acting contrary to the Duans Interest. And wee think that it is not the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : interest, that the custom's or revenues of those parts be inhanced to any considerable sum̃ above the rent, and that care be taken that all y^{e} : acco^{ts} : be kept in such manner that the true amo^{t} : may appear and for y^{re} : Justification the more publick they are made the better. M^{r} : Holcombe took a very prudent course in rectifying the abuses in Weights, measures and coins and removeing new impositions.

Your authority in those places may enable you to induce the country Traders to bring their Gram and provision either hither or to ffort St David. But that is to be done wth : out force, or useing such methods as may cause the thing to be much observed.

Wee have occasion for Chinam, but wee think y^{e} : freight would render it too dear if brought hither from Vizagapatam by boat or Ship, and it would be liable to damage, and therefore don't expect you sho^{d} : send us any, unless it could come freight free.

Inclosed is the Accomptants adjustm^{t} : of your Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : to be Entred in your present Books, wherein you are to Credit Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : by Samuel Owen, for his Debt recharged and Debt Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : to Sam^{ll} : Owen for 200 Pag^{s} : recovered of Presid^{t} : Yale, which being Pa : 33 : 12 less then what M^{r} : Owen was Debted for upon that acco^{t} : he must in equity be Credited for the said difference by proffit & Loss, and wee suppose he ought to pay the remaind^{r}: of his Debt into the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : Cash. Wee are

Your Loveing friends

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JOHN STYLEMAN.
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ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
MATTHEW EMPSON.

There is no acco^{t} : in ye Metchlepatam Books of the Bell, you must value it at 6 fan^{s} : ꝑ pound.

LIST OF THE PACQUET VIZ^{t} :

N° : 1. Generall Letter, dated the 4th Dec^{r} : 1696.
2. Acco^{t} : Adjustments between ffort St George Books Letters O : O. and Vizagapatam Letter N.
3. Copy Invoice Boat Narasinga.
4. Rupee received from Vizagapatam.

No. 13.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 11TH DEC^{R} 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} WILLIAM HATSELL PRESID^{T} :
FORT S^{T} GEORGE AND GOV^{R} : OF FORT
S^{T} DAVID.

Inclosed are severall papers relating to M^{r} ffraser vizt :

Ꝑ Pattamar. N^{o} : 1. The Lieu^{t} : Generalls paper, dated 26th Nov^{r} : 1696.

2. Mr Frasers paper, dated 22^{d} October –96 delivered in Consultation 26th November.

3. Mr Frasers paper, dated 28th Nov^{r} : –96 delivered in Consultation 10th December.

4. Copy of Parag^{s} : of Consultations, dated 15th October, 26th Novr 3^{d} & 10th December.

Which we send for your Hon^{rs} peruseall, and desire that as soon as you can conveniently they may be returned to us, with an acco^{t} : of your own knowledge, observation or opinion upon the matters therein contained, that they may be all remitted to his Excelly : the Generall of India. Wee are

Yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} very Affect^{e} : friends

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.
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CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 14.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 23^{D} DECEMBER 1696.

TO THE R^{T} : WORP^{LL} : CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &C^{A} COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

Ꝑ Pattamar. Our last was dated 2^{d} October sent on the 6th by Ship Ann and a Duplicate thereof on the 8th overland by way of Vizagap^{m}. This comes the same way to acknowledge the receipt of yours dated 19th October by ship Russell frigat, w^{ch} : called here on the 8th November, and having no other business but to fitt a few Cask of Water sailed the same Evening for England, The King William having sailed on the 23^{d} October, and wee could not keep her longer at that uncertain season for the company of the Russell frigat. God send y^{m} : both safe to our R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Masters.

2. On the 11th ins^{t} : Ship Sedgwick advice Vessell arrived & brought us a Pacquet from the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{a} : dated in ffebruary and May last, wch gives the good news of the arrivall of the Nassaw at Scilly, Armenian Merchant & London frigat in Ireland, The Amity parted in bad weather from the London frigat not far from Ireland.

3. This small ship came alone to bring advice of five ships w^{ch} : came out before her under the Convoy (to the Cape) of four men of Warr & a fireship, one the Charles the second for Persia; three for Surat, the Scepter, Chamber frigat & Dorrill; and one for the Fort, the Sampson. Besides w^{ch} : three were in May last in ye Dow[nes] whereof two, designed for Bengall, the Sidney of 600 tons and Madrass frigat of 260 tons, and the other for Surat. All which ships were taken by the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : into their service and their cargoes in greatest part ready before the great loss sustain'd in the Princess Ann &c^{a} Ships taken by the ffrench. After w^{ch} : the Adventurers paid into stock 300,000^{ll} fresh money for the more vigorous carrying on of the trade And tho' wee do not know the Amo^{t} : of the stock sent out upon these ships, wee conclude it very large, there being about 2,000,000 oz Silver whereof wee may reasonably expect a considerable part will bee sent hither.

4. Wee have not yet heard of the arrivall of any of those Ships in any part of India, but since wee expect so large a stock, It concerns us all to be considering how it may be best employed in order to the quick dispatch of the ships.

5. Wee don't know what will come hither or what directly to the Bay, but you may be assured that of the Silver w^{ch} : comes hither wee will send you as much as possibly wee can spare and you may forecast your Investment as depending upon at least ten Lack of Rupees.

6. When your merchants are assured of this, they may probably be induced to be, in the mean time, employing their own stock for the provision of Goods and the expected stock may gain you a credit for as much money as you want, and tho ' wee wo^{d} : not needlessly put the R^{t} : H : $Comp^{a}$: to the charge of Interest, yet considering both the great convenience in the timely provision of Goods, and the prevention of the Interlopers, wee think it very requisite for their interest that you borrow as much as is necessary for those purposes. One months demorage saved for 100 tons will near pay the Interest of a Lack of Rupees for a month. The Demorage now paid being 12^{d} ꝑ ton a day, and the freight 40^{ll} ton.

7. As to the sorts of Goods to be provided you cannot commit any great Error in governing yourselves by the last List till the receipt of a new one. Wherein it is not probable there will be much alteration because of the small quantity of Bengall Goods wch the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : $Comp^{a}$: have received since their sending of the last List.

8. Wee depend upon the Sampson's comeing hither directly, But whether the Sidney and Madrass frigat, one or both will come first hither or to Bengall wee don't know, nor when they will arrive and therefore cannot foresee how they shall be disposed or employed, only that whatever Ship o[r] Ships shall arrive with you time enough for gaining their passage hither, that they be with all convenient speed dispatched to us w^{th} : saltpetre and Provisions ; except you shall find it necessary with respect to y^{e} Rajas troubles to keep such a Ship as the Madrass frigat as a guard Ship.

9. Pray inform us how the Armenians ꝑ the Fleet frigat comply with and proceed in their Contract for the Europe Goods and provision of Bengall Goods.

10. The R^{t} : Hon^{r} : $Comp^{a}$: have ordered us to procure all the Pepper wee can, in all parts. Wee have been informed, that pepper was at 8 ^{Rs} or 9 Rup^{s} : ꝑ Maund in Bengall and possibly y^{e} : Rajas troubles may have prevented the Sale of that store w^{ch} : made the price so very low. If you would truck off your Europe Goods for pepper it would be a good Exchange, tho' you pay a Rupee or two in a Maund more for the pepper. However buy or secure as much as you can till the price shall rise to 12 Rup^{s} : ꝑ Maund and send it home in such Ships as you shall dispatch for England or send it hither as oppertunity offers by the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : $Comp^{s}$; Ships.

11. The R^{t} : Hon^{r} : $Comp^{a}$: take notice to us that Mr Braddyll was indebted upon the Balance of Maulda Books LL Rup^{s} : 137,584 : 5 : without the Agent and Councills sentiments how and when y^{t} : Debt was taken to be discharged. M^{r} : Braddyll hath produced to us the succeeding Books MM : wherein is an Entry of as much remitted from Rajamaul in rupees to Hugely before the time when the Books LL ended, and doth alledge y^{t} M^{r} : Peachy would not bring the $Acco^{t}$: of the s^{d} : rupees remitted into his Books LL. To all w^{ch} : wee give credit, and the rather because M^{r} : Braddyll produceth to us an $Acco^{t}$: $Curr^{t}$: wherein he is charged with Rup^{s} : 135 the Balance of Maulda, and y^{e} : Agent has acknowledged the receipt of the Balance. Acquaint the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : $Comp^{a}$: with the truth.

12. Inclosed is a copy of a Parag : of the R^{t} : H : Comp : Letter to us dated 20th ffebry : 1695 relateing to William Messenger. If the Sidney shall arrive first at Bengall let him proceed hither and send with him (or by the first oppertunity) a perticular $acco^{t}$: of all that you know concerning that matter, with as authentic Evidence and attestations as you can to prevent further references to Bengall for full information.

13. Wee observe your prudent management in y^{e} : further $acco^{t}$: you give in yours of 19th October of your assisting the Government without disobligeing the Rajah. Wee cannot foresee how far the Rajahs rebellion may proceed, how long it

will continue, or what accidents may happen, how far yor : Investments may be impeded, wee must therefore leave the management of affairs to you to act according as in the best of your Judgements shall appear most agreeable to the Interest and security of the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : affairs, and to Emergent circumstances.

14. Wee find no reason from any advices wee have received to discourage you from prosecuting the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : former orders for preventing & defeating the Interlopers, by such methods as you shall find most proper, tho' it should put the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : to charges, wherein wee doubt not your frugality. Notwithstanding the usuall Bravadoes of the Interlopers, there appears no reason but to conclude that the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{a} : is before this time confirmed by act of Parliament, the doing of which was in the last Sessions prevented by the discovery of that Hellish plot against his Maj^{s} : life and by other nationall business interposeing till the end of the Sessions.

15. The Comãnder of the Sedgwick adviseth that y^{e} : Martha and Sarah departed from S^{t} : Helena in July last in company with the Dutch ffleet, who instead of stopping at the Cape called there. Wee are

Your very Affectionate friends
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THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

No. 15.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 23RD : DECEMBER 1696.

To M^{R} : HENRY STANDLEY CHEIFE &C^{A}
COUNCILL AT BALLASORE.

℣ Pattamar. This inclosed pacquet for the Agent & Councill contains a Letter for the R^{t}: Hon^{r} : Comp^{a} : designed to be sent by the Fleet frigat. If you think the pacquet will reach the Ship, before her departure send it away immediately to the Agent, but if she lyes in or towards the rivers mouth ready for sailing and you can meet with an oppertunity by a vessel bound up the River, open the pacquet and send that directed to the R^{t}. Honble : Comp^{a} : to the Comãnder of the Fleet frigat and send the other forward to the Agent &c^{a}. Wee are

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MATTH : EMPSON.

No. 16.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 23^{D} : DECEMBER 1696.

To M^{R}. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &C^{A}
COUNCILL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

℣ Pattamar. On the 21st Instant wee rec^{d} : yours of y^{e} : 8th with a copy of your last w^{ch} : wee have answered. This serves to advise you that on the 11th Ins^{t}: the Sedgwick advice Vessell arrived here and brought us a pacquet adviseing of five ships sent out of England for severall parts of India with a considerable stock under a convoy to the Cape, before this Ship left Plymouth on the 26th May last, and there are three

more in readyness for India. Wee are also advised of the safe arrivall of the Armenian Merchant [and] London frigat in Ireland & Nassaw at Scilly (the Amity being forced from the London frigat a little before). The Comander of the Sedgwick adviseth that the Martha & Sarah saild from St. Helena in July last in company with the Dutch ffleet.

2. Wee find no occasion from the Rt: Honr: Comps: orders to alter any thing wch: wee have wrote you concerning your Investments, but their Letter directs the reduceing of the Expences of yor ffactory: from what Books that accot: was taken wch: gaue the occasion we don't know, but desire you to cause a Generall Table to be drawn out for every year since Mr: Holcombe went thither, of the Amot; of each head of your ffactory Expences, that wee may bee the better able to give the Rt: Honr: Compa: an answer; not having hitherto observed any extravagant or unreasonable charges. Add also a generall accot: of the Revenues.

3. Herewith comes a pacquet for Bengall, wch: let be forwarded with fresh Peons with an encouragement for a speedy delivery at Ballasore. Wee are

Your Affecte: friends.
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ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH: EMPSON.

No. 17.

FFORT ST: GEORGE 26TH DECEMBER 1696.

TO THE WORPL: JOHN BRABOURN, ESQR:
COMMODORE &CA COUNCILL AT ANJENGO.

Yours of 31st October wee received on the 10th Instant acknowledging the receipt of ours dated 31st August wth: the work men. ℔ Pattamar.

Our last was 17th October by Mary Buoyer by which wee sent you Pags: 6251: 7: 3: wch: with the Gold you advise to have received from the China Ship wee hope will suffice for your present supply. Wee designed to have sent you souldiers &ca but the ship with wch: wee had contracted for their passage was lost out of this road in a storm on the 25th October, since wch: there hath happened no oppertunity, and wee are not yet assured of one, but when one offers wee intend to send them.

On the 11th Instant Ship Sedgwick advice Vessell (90 tons) Capt: Alexr: Dennett comander arrived & brought us Letters from the Rt: Honr: Compa: dated 20th ffebruary & 20th May last adviseing that ye: five following ships were departed under Convoy of four men of Warr and one fire Ship to the Cape Vizt: the Sampson for this place, the Charles the Second for Persia, the Chamber frigate, Dorritt & Scepter for Surat, with very considerable stocks, and that the Sidney and Madrass frigat for the Coast, and the East India Merchant for Persia & Surat were ready in the Downs to follow. The consideration of the Settlement and Security of the East India trade was before the Parliament in their Sessions from Novr: to April last, but the conclusion was obstructed by the Discovery of the Plott against his Majs: life in ffebruary and other nationall business, cheifly relating to the vigorous prosecution of the warr against ffrance, but the confirmation & settlement of the Rt: Honr: Compa: by Act of Parliament was expected in the Succeeding Sessions.

Wee have wrote to President Hatsell &ca at ffort St. David concerning the Poola's complaint, and wee doubt not but they will return you a satisfactory answer by this or another conveyance, and wee leave it to you to give his Excy: &c: a perticular accot: of that affair.

Inclosed is our Letter to his Exc^{y} : the Generall &c^{a} Councill at Bombay, which wee desire you to send forward as oppertunity offers.

The R^{t} : Hon^{r}: Comp^{a} : in their Letter to us, dated 20th ffebruary last, complains of the terms of the Contract w^{ch}: you made wth: the Queen of Attinga, as very defective, but there is no instances given of the perticulars, and their Hon^{rs} : add, that the Defect must be repaid by a future good management. Wee are

Your Affect^{e} : friends

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ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH : EMPSON.

P.S: The R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: advise us that Pepper was risen in England to 2^{s} 6^{d} ℘ pound and therefore ordered us to buy in these parts as much as we can procure, w^{ch} : wee thought fitt to advise you of, because wee do conclude you will receive orders accordingly.

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TO HIS EXC^{Y} : S^{R} : JOHN GAYRE KN^{T} : CAP^{T} :
GENERALL AND CHIEF DIRECTORE FOR ALL AFFAIRS
AND FORCES OF Y^{E} : R^{T} : HON^{BLE} : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA.
&c^{a} COUNCILL OF BOMBAY.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE 26TH DEC^{R} 1696.

℘ Pattamar Via Anjengo.

Our last was dated the 14th : & 17th : October last by the Mary Buoyer Stephen Baker master, since w^{ch} : none from yor Exc^{y} : &c^{a}. Inclosed is the copy of the List of that Pacquet.

Ship Sedgwick advice Vessell Capt : Alex^{r} : Dennet comander who departed from Plymouth on the 26th May last and called at S^{t}. Helena, arrived here on the 11th Instant and brought us a Letter dated 20th ffebruary sent ℘ Ship Sampson. The coppyes whereof with coppyes of other papers will be sent yor : Exc^{y}: &c^{a} overland by way of Surat in a very few days. The List of the intended pacquet comes inclosed, so far as it is finished.

In the mean time wee thought it requisite to give yor : Exc^{y} : a short acco^{t} : by this conveyance (overland to Anjengo) of what the R^{t}: Hon^{r} : Comp^{a} : are pleased to advise us.

That the Adventurers have paid into the Stock 300000^{ll} fresh money. That on the 19th May last there sailed five Ships from Spithead, under Convoy (to the Cape) of four men of Warr and a fire ship Viz^{t}. The Sampson for this place. The Scepter, Chamber frigat & Dorrill directly for Bombay and the Charles the Second for Persia & Bombay or Surat. That three more were then in or near the Downes Viz^{t} : for Surat the East India Merchant, and for the Bay and coast, the Sidney and Madrass frigat. The Nassaw was safely arrived at Scilly, The Armenian Merchant at Corke, the London frigat at Galloway, from whom the Amity parted in bad weather 250 leagues from thence in Lat : 51 : 18.

The R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : Letter doth not mention the amo^{t} : of the stock, but by Prints it is confirmed, that their ships bring for India 2150000 oz: Silver, and it is not to be questioned but they bring Europe cloth, Lead, &c^{a}.

Wee have sent the necessary advices to Bengall, Vizagapatam & ffort St David by this conveyance wee have advised M^{r}: Brabourne &c^{a} : That the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{a} : haue ordered us to buy up what pepper wee can possibly it being risen in England to 2^{s} : 6^{d} : ℘ LL.

28th December D^{o}.

Yesterday wee rec^{d}: a Letter From Capt: James Thwaits comander of Ship King William from Trincomalay dated 18th November last adviseing that on the day after he went out of this road, w^{ch}: was on Saturday the 24th October, they mett with a Storme within the night following, grew so great as disabled his ship as ℘ the inclosed narative by w^{ch}: it doth appear that the ship is uncapable of proceeding on her Voyage at present, and 'tis also doubtfull whether She can be refitted according to Charterparty, wee shall give him all the assistance wee can on such terms as may secure the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: from further loss, w^{ch}: is already too great by the wast of the Salt-petre and Damage of bales, whereof 'tis supposed the greatest part are wett, and our present thoughts are to send Vessells to Trincomalay to fetch them hither to be rewashed.

This day we rec^{d}: Letter from the Agent & Councill of Bengall dated 8th Instant adviseing the arrivall of the Fleet frigat from the West Coast and the progresse of the Rebell Raja's army.

The same conveyance bro^{t}: us a pacquet from the West Coast dated 3rd September ℘ Fleet frigat, who arrived there the 12th July and hath carryed to Bengall 315 bahar Pepper. One reason why he carryed no more was because the Ship being sent to [P]riamong to lade pepper two or three prows were cast away laden and they could get off but 70 candy by reason of bad weather. The Govr. &c^{a}. give a satisfactory accot: in generall of the State of that place, which now proves so healthy and comfortable to the souldiers, &c^{a}. that none of them desire to return, tho' offered. They advise that M^{r}: Langley Supracargo of the Dorothy to China comeing to Bencoolen from Batavia on a dutch ship with 160 chests China wrought silks took his passage on the fleet frigat with D^{o}: Chests for Bengall from whence there is advice that he is dead.

The balance of their cash was on the last August Ryalls 28532: 2: 1 so that wee shall not haue occasion to send them much cash this year, but shall send them some calicoes so soon as wee can meet with a vessell that is fitt for the use of y^{t}: place.

No news of the Josia Ketch but that she came out of Acheen on the 20th: August last, in company of three other ships all bound for this place, of whom wee have heard nothing.

Wee are

Your Exc^{s}: &c^{a} very hum^{ble}: serv^{ts}.

NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
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LIST OF THE PACQUET, VIZ^{t}:

1. Generall letter dated 26th: and 28th: Dec^{r}: 1696.
2. List of the pacquet ℘ Mary Buoyer.
3. List of the Pacq^{t}: intended to be sent overland.
4. Capt; Thwaits Narrative of the storme he met with on 26th: October and damages of his ship.

No. 19.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 26TH DECEM^{R} 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL PRESIDENT
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AND: GOVERN^{R}: OF
FORT S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}: COUNC^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T} DAVID.

Our last was the 30th Novem^{r} & 2^{d} Ins^{t}. Yours of 16th: wee received on the 20th Instant. ℘ Pattamar. Besides the paym^{ts}: to the wives of Daniel Allen and Danl: Germain our paymaster pays monthly to the wife of Thomas Christie P: 1: 18^{fa}. monthly from the 1st October which was omitted to be before advised.

If your musters are the old musters of those southern ffacts: there is no occasion to send any others, it being taken for granted that they are agreeable to the Fort St. George Musters. Wee desire that the Fort St. George merchants cloth may be sorted by your musters and sorters in the same manner as you sort your own investments. Wee will send you assistants. But wee cannot send a person fitt to entrust with the management of the sorting.

Wee will send you Gunnyes and ropes when wee receive them and 200 pepper bags when opportunity offers.

It is and should be a standing rule for all contracts with the merchants in all ffactoryes, that all manner of risgoes are for the merchants accot: till the cloth is embaled and it is no injury to ye merchants, because their profit is supposed to be a valuable consideration andif it were otherwise it will be in the power of ye. merchants to put tricks upon us by false pretences wch: can't be disprov'd.

Your merchants offer to procure goods for 5 ℘ Cent comission on the prime cost and to run the risque of the weavours debts would be a very good contract for our investments were it not for the risques in the country, which would be in the merchants power to make as much as they please and to juggle with the government to bring a loss upon the Rt: Honr: Compa: It will be also in their power to deceive us in the prizes of cotton, thread and the weaving & juncan &ca charges. There is therefore no other way of contracting wth: them for cloth bought out of your bounds but by a muster for a certain price, and the risgo and charges upon their Accots: for wch: reasons wee have always waved all other sort of offers which have been frequently made. But if your merchants will contract for the provision of goods within your Bounds (where there is no risgo run of the country government) they running the risgo of the weavers debts, it would be very reasonable to allow them a commission as well for the trouble as risgo of debts. But then the price must be stated with the weavers by muster, or if cotton and thread were constantly procureable and cheap it would be a good way to deliver that to the merchants, contract with the Weavers for the cooley and allow something to the merchants for their pains and the risgo of the Weavers Debts.

And this wee think may be a good method for prosecuting the Rt: Honr: Comps: orders in the inclosed 9th: paragraph of their Letter now receiv'd dated 20th Feby: last.

Wee have no reason to doubt but wee shall have a sufficient stock to answer the largest contract you can make with your merchants wherein wee are referred by the Rt: Honr. Compa: to the last list formerly sent you, and they have sent no other.

When wee receive a supply of stores wee will send you a due share of each sort according to your list.

Tho' the Olla of the Poola's factor doth assert that the doctor bot: the palmera's of him, yet if wee understand the meaning of yor: letter aright, it was done by his servant and Tomana's combination to cheat both the doctor and the ffactor, and the Doctor being here doth affirm that he knew nor heard nothing of it till Tomana was run away. Hee also informs that his servant Chellumbrum when examined by your selves did acknowledge the same, and that we gave good security for his forthcoming. If this be true, wee doubt not but Chellumbrum (since Tomana is dead) or his security is answerable; or if he hath a house or any estate in Cuddalore or Tevenapatam it ought to be sold to make good the debt. However since Mr Brabourn &ca have represented the ill consequence to the ffactory, if the Poola be not paid what is really due to him, to prevent that, wee think you ought forthwith to pay the money due to his ffactor takeing a receipt to be sent to Mr: Brabourn &ca and by this peon give advice either that it is or will be done, which must be reimbursed again out of the estates of those concerned in ye bargaine.

As to the tryall of Rama Reddee, our present thoughts are that his Majs: Charters do sufficiently empower you to proceed therein without a comission from hence, but wee shall endeavour to give you a more satisfactory answer.

Wee have lately wrote to you to forbear buying any pepper but overland Malabar pepper, unles procureable at 20 pags: ℘ Candy but the Rt: H: Compa have

now repeated their orders for buying as much pepper as wee can, as by the inclosed 17th Par: of their letter dated 20th Feby: Notwithstanding which wee ought to buy as cheap as wee can, and to make a difference between the Malabar and other sorts in the price, proportionable to the difference in the goodness.

Inclosed is a copy of the 4th Parag: of the Rt: Honr: Compe: said Letter relating to ffort St. David, occasioned by the character wch: wee had given of the place, and as to the charges complained of as they appeared by the Books then received, wee have acquainted the Rt: Honr: Compa by a Letter lately sent to Bengall to go by ye: Fleet frigat, that your Books ending in April last make the profitt of the ffactory equall to your charges. Wee are

Yor: very affecte: friends
NATHL: HIGGINSON.
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No. 20.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL PRESIDENT OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: DAVID.

In considering how to fill up the vacancyes of the Councill of Fort St David wee agree in the choice of Mr: Berlu for one, but Mr: Cranwell having made his applycation to us and urged his long standing in the Rt: Honr: Comps: service, some of us do remember his former character, which then rendred him very unfitt for any place of trust; and not knowing how he hath approved himself at ffort St David, wee desire your Honr: to give us yor: opinion freely concerning him, whether you think him fitt for ye Station he desires. Mr: Cranwell and Mr: Nicholas now return and are the Bearers hereof. Wee are ℣ Pattamar.

Honble Sr: Your very affecte: friends
NATHL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
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FORT ST GEORGE 31ST DECR 1696.

No. 21.

FORT ST: GEORGE 9TH NOVEMBER 1696.

TO WOOTAMA CHUND.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the same from you. I lately sent by the hands of Narrain such Toyes as were procureable which you have return'd again, wch: makes me admire, knowing it to be usuall among friends, to accept what is sent them. Altho' those things were improper for your use, yet 'twas not frd:ly done to send them back again. In hopes of yor: acceptance I have sent the sd: things again wth: two strings of Pearl, wch: will prove our friendship with a List inclosed. As for my part continually expect your friendship, for thro' your means the Nabobs and our friendship will encrease. Pray get me a Perwanna for the releasement of our ships, and another Perwanna to Emahim Beague in a checking manner, that he may deliver our Debtor Thomas Gullock, and another Perwanna to those that stops Beetle leaves from comeing into my Town, and that for the future they may act according to

Salabad, and anoth^{r}: to the watching People that stops provisions &c^{a}. from comeing into my town. Please to procure these four Perwannas and send them to me, w^{ch}: will be a great Demonstration of our fr^{d} :ship on occasion I and my people are ready to assist friends. What can I write more knowing you to be an understanding man.

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.

I have enquired for a Gold Trunke but cannot get one. But by the next ship I will send to Manilha for one.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 18TH NOV^{R} 1696.

No. 22.

To EMAHIM COOLEY BEAGUE.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from you. The favours that you have done us since yor departure is known to the world, but am sorry I am not able to express it in writeing. Of late I hear you are much displeased wth: me, but am well sensible I have given no offence. What is past wee had better not take notice of, but Mallcawn an Armenian acquainted me that you still remain our friend and talk much in our behalf at the Durbar. It lyes in the power of God Almighty to continue old friendship amongst his people. I hope you will keep a correspondence with me as you was wont to do : What can I write larger.

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.

No. 23.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 18TH NOV^{R} : 1696.

To HUSSANE CAWN.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from you. I rec^{d} : your friendly Letter & advice expressing our former friendship, w^{ch}: take perticular notice of. You mention that when the Nabob persued Santojee he was very favourable to my [town of] Chinnapatam, w^{ch}: now it plainly appears, and 'tis publickly known that our whole relyance must be on the Nabobs goodness. At any time whenever any noble man plants a tree, he will never think of removeing it, or reap any benefit by it, altho' it do's not bear fruit. You mention that the Nabob made an addition to our Town's &c^{a} kindnesses, (but in the interim) you are sensible that the Morattas created a great deal of trouble in Asker Cawn and Allemerda Cawn's time ; and at y^{t}: time what service we did the King and his subjects doubtless knew of it ; therefore w^{t}: the Nabob Granted for our Service was but a very small matter for a man of his quality, for w^{ch}: his fame is spread all over Europe ; kings get hon^{r}: by doing justice, Visseers get credit by confirming their Cowles. Farther y^{e}: Nabob is sensible what the King annually gains by our trade in severall parts, you have great reason to acquaint the Nabob of our condition being yor: old acquaintance in these parts. Se please to act as that wee may remaine wth: a contented heart in the enjoym^{t} of our ancient Sallabad, and in the Nabob's favour.

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.

No. 24.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 28TH NOV^{R} : 1696.

To WOOTAMA CHUND.

Lately I wrote you concerning the Juncaneers ill behaviour and unreasonable dealings towards Chinap^{m} : Merchants, and still they continue so, hindring Goods &c^{a} from comeing in my Town contrary [to] Salabad so that all y^{e}: m^{r}cha[nts] are so wearied that they have a mind to leave off trade. You being my friend and haveing reason to acquaint you of it, made me send this with all speed, therefore desire you to procure the Nabobs Perwanna in a checking manner, that they might act according to Salabad, if not 'twill be a great discouragem^{t} : to the Merchants.

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.

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